

## **The Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists**

### **Position Statement on Insurance Coverage of Oral Chemotherapy and Delivery of Non-Self-Injectable Medications**

OSHP supports section 1751.69 of Senate Bill 194 in the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Ohio stating that “no individual or group health insuring corporation policy, contract, or agreement providing basic health care services or prescription drug services...shall provide coverage for a prescribed, orally administered cancer medication on a less favorable basis than the coverage it provides for intravenously administered or injected cancer medications.” OSHP believes patients should not have a higher financial burden placed on them for receiving oral chemotherapy compared to intravenous chemotherapy, if the patient’s physician has determined that the oral agent is the most effective treatment option for their specific type of cancer.

Additionally, OSHP supports section 3923.84 stating that “No individual or group policy ...[that] provides coverage for non-self-injectable medications, medications that must be compounded immediately prior to administration, or both, shall require an insured or plan member to have such a medication delivered directly to the insured or plan member by mail or any means of commercial shipment.” OSHP believes requiring a medication to be delivered directly to the insured or plan member raises concerns about the storage and handling of non-self-injectable medications that are extremely sensitive to environmental conditions before they are brought in to an outpatient infusion clinic for administration.

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