

SENATE BILL NO. 1498

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOSLEY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the cancer patients' bill of rights.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 191.960, to read as
3 follows:

191.960. 1. This section shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Cancer Patients' Bill of Rights".

3 2. The department of health and senior services shall
4 make the cancer patients' bill of rights readily available
5 and easily accessible online.

6 3. The cancer patients' bill of rights shall be as
7 follows:

8 (1) Cancer patients shall have a right to understand
9 fully their diagnoses and be informed about treatment
10 options in culturally appropriate and understandable
11 languages;

12 (2) Cancer patients shall have a right to transparent
13 and timely processes that ensure access to contracting
14 oncology specialists, diagnostic testing, and accurate
15 interpretations of those tests;

16 (3) Cancer patients shall have a right to contracting
17 cancer subspecialists who have expertise in the treatment of
18 their subtypes of cancers when complex decisions are needed;

19 (4) Cancer patients shall have a right to medical
20 treatments for pain management and other services that
21 support their overall health;

22 (5) Cancer patients shall have the right to
23 contracting National Cancer Institute-designated
24 comprehensive cancer centers and leading academic medical
25 centers for the management of complex cancers that require
26 multiple experts of high-risk or emerging therapies; and

27 (6) Cancer patients shall have a right to relevant
28 clinical trials, medical research, and cutting-edge
29 innovation, including evidence-supported precision medicine.

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