

HB 886 -- Health Insurance Coverage for Clinical Trials

Sponsor: Stevenson

This bill requires all health benefit plans delivered, issued, continued, or renewed after August 28, 2009, to provide coverage for phase I clinical trials for cancer treatment.

Currently, plans may limit certain coverage for routine patient care costs in phase II of clinical trials. The bill removes this provision and requires health insurance companies to provide coverage for routine patient care costs incurred as the result of any phase of a clinical trial undertaken to treat cancer.