

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # 44</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate 2</b>						
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1                                   An act to ensure availability of physical therapy to cancer patients.

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3                                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5   Section 1: Scientific studies have shown that at least 40% of people in the United States will have some type  
6 of cancer in their lifetime. Unfortunately, most of these people will not be able to participate or afford  
7 physical therapy to keep their muscles strong. Some current insurance policies do not allow for automatic  
8 physical therapy for cancer patients undergoing treatment.

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10 Section 2: This bill will require insurance companies to allow cancer patients undergoing treatment to also be  
11 provided physical therapy treatments without annual visit limitations. This will ensure that cancer patients  
12 are able to have improved mobility and function and therefore improve quality of life. Patients undergoing  
13 cancer treatments, including radiation and chemotherapy, cannot be denied physical therapy benefits under  
14 this bill. Physical therapy benefits must be ordered and deemed necessary by the patient's current treating  
15 physician. Currently, some insurance companies do not provide for physical therapy benefit while others limit  
16 the number of treatments annually.

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18 Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (KHFS). Insurance  
19 companies will have one year to comply with the new regulations after the effective date. Non-compliance by  
20 the insurance company could result in loss of insurance license until compliance has been met.

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22 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws are hereby considered null or void.

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24 Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2016.

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26   Sources:

- 27   • [www.ptrehab.com/pt\\_cancer\\_patients.pdf](http://www.ptrehab.com/pt_cancer_patients.pdf)  
28   • [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)