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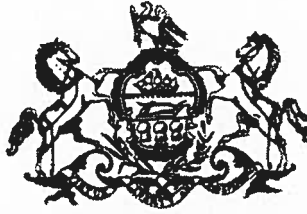
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## **MEMORANDIUM**

**TO: All House Members**

**FROM: Representative John Taylor**

**DATE: April 13, 2011**

**RE: Off-Label Usage of Oncology Drug Coverage Legislation**

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation to amend the Insurance Company Law of 1921. This legislation will provide clarification for the “off-label” usage of oncology drug coverage under health insurance plans, which cover prescription drugs in Pennsylvania.

I have introduced similar legislation in past sessions to provide clarification for “off-label” usage for patients who have a chronic, disabling, or life threatening illness. However, this version narrows the scope of clarification to oncology drugs only.

“Off-label” use refers to instances in which prescription drugs are used to treat conditions other than those included on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) label (or package insert). While pharmaceutical companies are prohibited under Federal Law from marketing these “off-label” uses, once a drug is approved for marketing, physicians can use it in a medically appropriate way and not solely for the labeled indication. This is a common practice in the treatment of many diseases and conditions, most notably cancer.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Josh Lance at [jlance@pahousegop.com](mailto:jlance@pahousegop.com) or by calling 717-787-3179.

Your support is appreciated. Thank you!

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