

Fix the Cancer Problem in Virginia

- Restore Funding for Hampton Proton Center
- Add language making violations of the statute subject to "bad faith" claims;
- Add language requiring insurers to report number of proton cases of all kinds approved and denied in the state on an annualized basis by type of cancer and have the Department of Insurance correlate the data by insurance carrier -- again based on type of cancer. (GOOD)
- Authorize the Department of Insurance to contract for a study of proton insurance denials and require hospitals and insurance companies to comply with the data collection requests. (BETTER)

This is preferable because it prevents insurers from “gaming” the data or how data is interpreted.

- Add language that a doctor's order stating proton treatment is "medically necessary" overrides or countervails an objection to medical necessity by the insurance company.