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TO: Health Plan Issuers and Interested Parties

FROM: Nathan Houdek, Commissioner of Insurance

SUBJECT: Chemotherapy Drug Shortage

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has reported shortages of the chemotherapy platinum drugs [carboplatin](#) and [cisplatin](#). The [Society of Gynecologic Oncology](#) has indicated that these shortages may necessitate alternative treatments to be used to avoid delays in treating patients' cancer.

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) encourages health plan issuers to work with providers and consider flexibility around the use of alternative agents when a platinum agent would normally be used, to ensure that insured individuals receive timely treatment for cancer.

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