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Insurance Coverage: California

For more information about insurance coverage of clinical trial costs, see this feature's main page:

[States That Require Health Plans to Cover Patient Care Costs in Clinical Trials](#)¹.



Legislation: [Senate Bill 37](#)²

Effective: August 2001

What clinical trials are covered?

Phase I, II, III, and IV clinical trials with a therapeutic intent for patients with cancer and recommended by a treating physician. Trial must either involve a drug exempt from a New Drug Application (NDA) under federal regulations, or be approved by one of the following:

- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Who is required to pay?

All California insurers, including the state's Medicaid program and other medical assistance programs.

Other key criteria:

- Plan may restrict coverage to services in California unless protocol is not provided at a California hospital or by a California physician.

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¹ <http://www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/ctlaws-home>

² http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/01-02/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_37_bill_20010810_chaptered.html