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The “[Cancer Patient Care and Compassion Act](#),” introduced in the New Jersey Senate on June 10, 2024, would provide certain protections for Stage III, Stage IV, and terminal cancer patients. Such protections include: (i) requiring health insurance carriers to provide coverage for parenteral treatments of cancer and survivorship care plans; (ii) prohibiting residential mortgage lenders from providing a notice of intention regarding a default under a homeowner’s mortgage while the homeowner is a cancer patient; (iii) dismissing a foreclosure action upon the presentation of a physician’s letter certifying the homeowner is undergoing treatment; (iv) prohibiting a creditor from claiming a default for any debt against an individual undergoing treatment, so long as such debtor submits a physician letter certifying that the individual is currently undergoing treatment; (v) permitting a stay of an eviction notice up to 45 days while the cancer patient is undergoing treatment; (vi) and permitting a cancer patient the right to reinstatement to equivalent employment after a period of leave, including when Temporary Disability or Family Leave Insurance benefits were provided.

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