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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Benefit Plans - Coverage for Chemotherapy Hair Protheses for Hair**  
3 **Loss Resulting from Chemotherapy**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and  
5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for chemotherapy hair  
6 protheses under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act;  
7 and generally relating to coverage for chemotherapy hair protheses for hair loss  
8 resulting from chemotherapy.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Insurance  
11 Section 15-835  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Health - General  
16 Section 19-706(i)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Insurance**

22 15-835.

23 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

24 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE  
25 INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR  
26 GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES  
27 OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

1 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT  
2 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER  
3 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

4 (B) (1) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE  
5 FOR A CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR PROSTHESIS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HAIR LOSS  
6 RESULTS FROM CHEMOTHERAPY.

7 (2) TO BE COVERED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR  
8 PROSTHESIS MUST BE PRESCRIBED BY THE ONCOLOGIST IN ATTENDANCE.

9 (C) A POLICY OR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A  
10 DEDUCTIBLE ON THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

11 **Article - Health - General**

12 19-706.

13 (i) The provisions of §§ 12-203(g), 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, 15-812,  
14 15-826, [and] 15-828, AND 15-835 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health  
15 maintenance organizations.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
17 policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1,  
18 2000.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2000.