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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Benefit Plans - Coverage for ~~Chemotherapy~~ Hair Protheses for Hair**  
3 **Loss Resulting from Chemotherapy or Radiation Treatment for Cancer**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and  
5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for ~~chemotherapy a hair~~  
6 ~~protheses prosthesis~~ prosthesis under certain circumstances; limiting the cost of a certain  
7 hair prosthesis; requiring that a certain hair prosthesis must be prescribed;  
8 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for  
9 ~~chemotherapy a hair protheses prosthesis~~ prosthesis for hair loss resulting from  
10 chemotherapy or radiation treatment for cancer.

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

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article - Health - General  
18 Section 19-706(i)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Insurance**

2 15-835.

3 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

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

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

11 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ENTITY  
 12 SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR A CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR  
 13 PROSTHESIS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HAIR LOSS RESULTS FROM  
 14 CHEMOTHERAPY, FOR AN ENROLLEE OR INSURED WHOSE HAIR LOSS RESULTS  
 15 FROM CHEMOTHERAPY OR RADIATION TREATMENT FOR CANCER, COVERAGE FOR  
 16 ONE HAIR PROSTHESIS.

17 (2) THE COST OF A HAIR PROSTHESIS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)  
 18 OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$250.

19 ~~(C)~~ (C) TO BE COVERED UNDER THIS SECTION, ~~THE CHEMOTHERAPY A~~  
 20 HAIR PROSTHESIS MUST BE PRESCRIBED BY THE ONCOLOGIST IN ATTENDANCE.

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

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**Article - Health - General**

24 19-706.

25 (i) The provisions of §§ 12-203(g), 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, 15-812,  
 26 15-826, [and] 15-828, AND 15-835 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health  
 27 maintenance organizations.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
 29 policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1,  
 30 2000.

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

