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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 certain coverage for ~~chemotherapy~~
6 hair protheses under certain circumstances; ~~prohibiting certain policies and~~
7 ~~contracts from imposing a deductible on certain coverage~~; providing for the
8 application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for ~~chemotherapy~~ hair
9 protheses for hair loss resulting from chemotherapy or radiation treatment for
10 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:

1 **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, FOR AN ENROLLEE OR INSURED WHOSE
13 HAIR LOSS RESULTS FROM CHEMOTHERAPY OR RADIATION TREATMENT FOR
14 CANCER, COVERAGE FOR:

15 ~~(I) ONE CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR PROSTHESIS; AND~~

16 ~~(II) A SECOND CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR PROSTHESIS AFTER 2 YEARS~~
17 ~~HAVE PASSED FROM THE DATE THAT THE ENROLLEE OR INSURED RECEIVED THE~~
18 ~~INITIAL CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR PROSTHESIS UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

19 (2) THE COST OF EACH A CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR PROSTHESIS REQUIRED
20 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$500.

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

23 ~~(D) A POLICY OR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A~~
24 ~~DEDUCTIBLE ON THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

25 **Article - Health - General**

26 19-706.

27 (i) The provisions of §§ 12-203(g), 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, 15-812,
28 15-826, [and] 15-828, AND 15-835 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health
29 maintenance organizations.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
31 policies and contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1,
32 2000. ~~Any policy or contract in effect before October 1, 2000 shall comply with the~~
33 ~~provisions of this Act by October 1, 2001.~~

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

