

# SENATE BILL 75

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By: **Senator Carter**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Insurance and Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Treatment of Alopecia**  
3 **Areata – Coverage Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a  
5 certain limitation, to provide coverage for hair prostheses to Program recipients  
6 whose hair loss results from alopecia areata and prescription drugs and medical  
7 devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of  
8 alopecia areata; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and  
9 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a hair prosthesis for hair  
10 loss resulting from alopecia areata; and generally relating to health insurance  
11 carriers, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, and coverage for the treatment  
12 of alopecia areata.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Health – General  
15 Section 15–103(a)(1)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Health – General  
20 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xx) and (xxi)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Health – General  
25 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxii)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 2 Article – Insurance  
 3 Section 15–836  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Health – General**

9 15–103.

10 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance  
 11 Program.

12 (2) The Program:

13 (xx) Beginning on July 1, 2023, shall provide, subject to federal  
 14 approval and limitations of the State budget, community violence prevention services in  
 15 accordance with § 15–141.3 of this subtitle; [and]

16 (xxi) Beginning on January 1, 2023, shall provide, subject to the  
 17 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, coverage for self–measured  
 18 blood pressure monitoring for all Program recipients diagnosed with uncontrolled high  
 19 blood pressure, including:

20 1. The provision of validated home blood pressure monitors;  
 21 and

22 2. Reimbursement of health care provider and other staff  
 23 time used for patient training, transmission of blood pressure data, interpretation of blood  
 24 pressure readings and reporting, and the delivery of co–interventions, including  
 25 educational materials or classes, behavioral change management, and medication  
 26 management; AND

27 **(XXII) SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE**  
 28 **STATE BUDGET, COVERAGE FOR:**

29 **1. ONE HAIR PROSTHESIS FOR A PROGRAM RECIPIENT**  
 30 **WHOSE HAIR LOSS RESULTS FROM ALOPECIA AREATA; AND**

31 **2. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL DEVICES**  
 32 **APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT**  
 33 **OF ALOPECIA AREATA.**

1 **Article – Insurance**

2 15–836.

3 (a) This section applies to:

4 (1) insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide inpatient  
5 hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups on an expense–incurred basis  
6 under health insurance policies or contracts that are issued or delivered in the State; and

7 (2) health maintenance organizations that provide inpatient hospital,  
8 medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups under contracts that are issued or  
9 delivered in the State.

10 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, an entity subject to this  
11 section shall provide, for an enrollee or insured whose hair loss results from chemotherapy  
12 or radiation treatment for cancer **OR ALOPECIA AREATA**, coverage for one hair prosthesis.

13 (2) The cost of a hair prosthesis required under paragraph (1) of this  
14 subsection may not exceed \$350.

15 (c) To be covered under this section, a hair prosthesis must be prescribed by:

16 **(1) the oncologist in attendance; OR**

17 **(2) THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF THE ENROLLEE OR INSURED**  
18 **BEING TREATED FOR ALOPECIA AREATA.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
20 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or  
21 after January 1, 2024.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 January 1, 2024.