

HOUSE BILL 1031

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Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2025
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Required Coverage – Prescription Weight Loss Drugs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
4 maintenance organizations to provide coverage for prescription weight loss drugs for
5 certain individuals who have been diagnosed with obesity; and generally relating to
6 the coverage of prescription weight loss drugs by health insurance carriers.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Insurance

9 Section 15–839.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Insurance**

15 **15–839.1.**

16 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

17 **(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT**
18 **PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR**
19 **BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR**
20 **DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND**

21 **(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
22 **COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CONTRACTS**
23 **THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR**
2 **PRESCRIPTION WEIGHT LOSS DRUGS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN**
3 **DIAGNOSED WITH OBESITY AND AT LEAST ONE COMORBID MEDICAL CONDITION**
4 **THAT CAN BE TREATED WITH PRESCRIPTION WEIGHT LOSS DRUGS.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
6 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
7 after January 1, 2026.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 January 1, 2026.