

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2906

By Delegates Hall and Young

[Introduced February 24, 2025; referred to the
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections,
2 designated §33-15-4a and §33-16-3a, relating to insurance; and providing health
3 insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems for the preservation of hair during cancer
4 chemotherapy treatment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 15. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.

§33-15-4a. Required coverage for scalp cooling system for cancer chemotherapy treatment.

1 Any insurer who delivers or issues a policy of accident or sickness insurance in this state
2 under the provisions of this article and provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment shall
3 provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used in connection with cancer chemotherapy
4 treatment. Coverage provided under this section may be subject to annual deductibles and
5 coinsurance, including copayments, as may be deemed appropriate by the commissioner and as
6 are consistent with those established for other benefits within a given policy.

7 For the purpose of this section, "scalp cooling system" means any device used to cool the
8 human scalp to prevent or reduce hair loss during cancer chemotherapy treatment, provided that
9 such device is designed and intended for repeated use and is primarily and customarily used to
10 serve a medical purpose.

ARTICLE 16. GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE.

§33-16-3a. Required coverage for scalp cooling system for cancer chemotherapy treatment.

1 Any insurer who delivers or issues a policy of accident or sickness insurance in this state
2 under the provisions of this article and provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment shall
3 provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used in connection with cancer chemotherapy
4 treatment. Coverage provided under this section may be subject to annual deductibles and

5 coinsurance, including copayments, as may be deemed appropriate by the commissioner and as
6 are consistent with those established for other benefits within a given policy.

7 For the purpose of this section, "scalp cooling system" means any device used to cool the
8 human scalp to prevent or reduce hair loss during cancer chemotherapy treatment, provided that
9 such device is designed and intended for repeated use and is primarily and customarily used to
10 serve a medical purpose.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems or the preservation of hair during cancer chemotherapy treatment.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.