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House Bill 4703

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Delegate Chiarelli

[Introduced January 21, 2026; referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section
2 designated §9-5-34, relating to adding Medicaid coverage of lymphedema compression
3 treatment items and off-the-shelf orthopedic braces.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§9-5-34. Medicaid program; coverage of compressions and braces.

1 (a) Any enrollee in Medicaid who is eligible for services and who has a diagnosis of
2 lymphedema shall receive coverage for lymphedema compression treatment items, such as
3 standard and custom fitted gradient compression garments, lymphedema pumps, and other items
4 as determined by the Bureau for Medical Services.
5 (b) Any enrollee in Medicaid who is eligible for services and who has been diagnosed with
6 an orthopedic issue that requires a brace shall receive coverage for custom-fitted and off-the-shelf
7 orthopedic braces.
8 (c) If required, the Bureau for Medical Services shall require federal approval through a
9 state plan amendment, wavier, or other means to effectuate coverage of the items listed in
10 subsections (a) and (b).

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require Medicaid to cover lymphedema compression treatment items and off-the-shelf orthopedic braces.

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