

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

**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, waiver, 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.