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Senate Bill 568

By Senators Takubo, Oliverio, Deeds, and Hamilton

[Introduced January 21, 2026; referred

to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;

and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,
2 designated §33-64-1, relating to requiring health benefit plan coverage; creating the Oral
3 Health and Cancer Rights Act; requiring coverage for medically necessary dental
4 procedures that result from cancer treatment; explaining scope of procedures covered as a
5 result of certain cancer treatments; requiring use of specific billing identifier; and setting an
6 effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 64. ORAL HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT.

**§33-64-1. Oral health and cancer rights act; dental and medical oral health coverage
required; use of specific billing modifier; and effective date.**

1 (a) This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Oral Health and Cancer Rights
2 Act".

3 (b) Every health benefit plan offered by an insurer shall provide coverage for oral health
4 procedures that are necessary to receive or are the result of cancer treatments including surgery,
5 chemotherapy, biotherapy, pharmacology, immunotherapy, or radiation.

6 (c) The coverage required under this section shall include evaluations, examinations,
7 patient education, laboratory assessments, medications, treatments, restoration, rehabilitation,
8 medical devices, and prostheses needed to obtain cancer treatment or restore whole or partial
9 function associated with eating, breathing, voice, speech, and swallowing related to a cancer
10 diagnosis.

11 (d) All cancer-related dental and oral health procedures that are part of a patient's care or
12 survivorship plan as determined in consultation with the attending healthcare provider shall be
13 billed using the billing modifier, "West Virginia Code §33-64-1" in conjunction with each applicable
14 billing code. The modifier signifies eligibility of coverage for all clinical service billing codes used
15 for dental or medical oral health, evaluations, examinations, patient education, laboratory
16 assessments, treatments, restoration, rehabilitation, medical devices, and prostheses needed to

17 obtain cancer treatment or to restore whole or partial function associated with eating, breathing,
18 voice, speech, and swallowing related to a cancer diagnosis. Procedures or visits billed with this
19 modifier are considered covered services as outlined in this section. As medications are unable to
20 be billed with modifiers in West Virginia, pharmacists will be notified of medications that qualify for
21 coverage under this act by using a unique identifier "West Virginia Code §33-64-1" on the
22 prescription.

23 (e) This article becomes effective July 1, 2027, and applies to all health insurance
24 contracts that are nonexempt from the Affordable Care Act.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require health benefit plan coverage for medically necessary dental procedures that result from cancer treatment; create the Oral Health and Cancer Rights Act; explain the scope of procedures covered as a result of certain cancer treatments; require the use of a specific billing identifier; and set an effective date.

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