

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

**Article - Insurance**

15-835.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE INPATIENT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR A CHEMOTHERAPY HAIR PROSTHESIS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HAIR LOSS RESULTS FROM CHEMOTHERAPY, FOR AN ENROLLEE OR INSURED WHOSE HAIR LOSS RESULTS FROM CHEMOTHERAPY OR RADIATION TREATMENT FOR CANCER, COVERAGE FOR ONE HAIR PROSTHESIS.

(2) THE COST OF A HAIR PROSTHESIS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED ~~\$250~~ \$350.

~~(2)~~ (C) TO BE COVERED UNDER THIS SECTION, ~~THE CHEMOTHERAPY~~ A HAIR PROSTHESIS MUST BE PRESCRIBED BY THE ONCOLOGIST IN ATTENDANCE.

~~(C) A POLICY OR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A DEDUCTIBLE ON THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

**Article - Health - General**

19-706.

(i) The provisions of §§ 12-203(g), 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, 15-812, 15-826, [and] 15-828, AND 15-835 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.