

By Mr. Greene of Billerica, petition of William G. Greene, Jr., and Cory Atkins relative to providing health insurance coverage for scalp hair prosthesis. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR CANCER PATIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10A of chapter 118E of the 1996 Official
2 Edition of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the new
3 subsection:—

4 Subsection 10B. The division shall provide coverage for scalp
5 hair prosthesis, as defined by section 47T of chapter 175, for
6 expenses for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a
7 result of the treatment of any form of cancer or leukemia; pro-
8 vided, however, that such coverage shall be subject to a written
9 statement by the treating physician that the scalp hair prosthesis is
10 medically necessary; and provided, further, that such coverage
11 shall be subject to the same limitations and guidelines as other
12 prostheses. Any such decision shall be made in accordance with
13 the rules and regulations promulgated by the department of public
14 health.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 176M, as so appearing, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 467 of the acts of 1996, is hereby further
3 amended by adding to the end thereof the following new section,
4 section 7:—

5 Section 7. The Nongroup Advisory Board is hereby directed to
6 add as a benefit, under an individual nongroup health insurance
7 policy, coverage for scalp hair prosthesis, as defined by sec-
8 tion 47T of chapter 175, for expenses for scalp hair prostheses

9 worn for hair loss suffered as a result of treatment of any form of
10 cancer or leukemia; provided, however, that such coverage shall
11 be subject to a written statement by the treating physician that the
12 scalp hair prosthesis is medically necessary; and provided, further,
13 that such coverage shall be subject to the same limitations and
14 guidelines as other prostheses.