

H.685

Introduced by Representative Krasnow of South Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; health insurance; chemotherapy; scalp cooling

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems used in connection with cancer chemotherapy treatment.

An act relating to health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4095d is amended to read:

§ 4095d. CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT AND ORAL ANTICANCER

MEDICATIONS

(a) A health insurance plan shall provide coverage for medically necessary growth cell stimulating factor injections taken as part of a prescribed chemotherapy regimen.

(b)(1) A health insurance plan shall provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used in connection with cancer chemotherapy treatment.

(2) As used in this subsection, “scalp cooling system” means any device used to cool the human scalp to prevent or reduce hair loss during cancer

1 chemotherapy treatment, provided that the device is designed and intended for
2 repeated use and is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose.

3 (c) A health insurance plan shall provide coverage for prescribed, orally
4 administered anticancer medications used to kill or slow the growth of
5 cancerous cells that is not less favorable on a financial basis than intravenously
6 administered or injected anticancer medications covered under the covered
7 individual's plan.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to all health
10 insurance plans issued on and after January 1, 2027, on such date as a health
11 insurer offers, issues, or renews the health insurance plan, but in no event later
12 than January 1, 2028.