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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to health care coverage;
requiring certain health insurance policies,
health care services plans, or other contracts
to provide coverage for scalp hair prostheses;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) Any health insurance policy, health care services plan, or other health care contract issued or renewed in this state which provides benefits for medical or hospital expenses and which also provides coverage for prostheses must provide coverage for expenses for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result of alopecia areata, alopecia totalis, or permanent loss of scalp hair due to injury or illness. Such coverage, however, is subject to a written recommendation by the treating physician that the prosthesis is a medical necessity, and coverage is subject to the same limitations and guidelines as other prostheses.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Prosthesis" means an artificial appliance used to replace lost natural structures, including artificial arms, legs, breasts or glass eyes.

(b) "Scalp hair prosthesis" means an artificial substitute for scalp hair that is made for a specific individual.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires insurance policies, health care services plans,
or other contracts that provide coverage for prostheses
to also provide coverage for scalp hair prostheses that
are medically prescribed for certain conditions.