

SENATE BILL NO. 345

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOSLEY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 376.1222, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to insurance coverage of prostheses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 376.1222, RSMo, is repealed and one
2 new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section
3 376.1222, to read as follows:

376.1222. 1. Any health insurance policy through the
2 Medicaid program pursuant to chapter 208, the children's
3 health insurance program pursuant to sections 208.631 to
4 208.660, and any health care plans issued to employees under
5 the Missouri consolidated health care plan established
6 pursuant to chapter 103 that are delivered, issued for
7 delivery, continued or renewed in this state on or after
8 January 1, 2004, shall provide coverage for prostheses and
9 expenses for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss
10 suffered as a result of *alopecia areata* or *alopecia totalis*
11 for persons eighteen years of age or younger who are covered
12 under a policy, program or plan pursuant to this section.

13 **The benefits required by this subsection shall expire when**
14 **the covered person reaches eighteen years of age.**

15 2. **Any health benefit plan delivered, issued for**
16 **delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after**
17 **January 1, 2025, shall provide coverage for prostheses and**

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 **expenses for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss**
19 **suffered as a result of cancer treatment.**

20 3. For purposes of this section, the following terms
21 mean:

22 (1) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as is
23 ascribed to such term in section 376.1350;

24 (2) "Prostheses", artificial appliances used to
25 replace lost natural structures;

26 [(2)] (3) "Scalp hair prostheses", artificial
27 substitutes for scalp hair that are made specifically for a
28 particular individual.

29 [3.] 4. The coverage required by this section shall
30 not be more than a maximum benefit amount of two hundred
31 dollars per calendar year or exceed a lifetime maximum
32 benefit amount of three thousand two hundred dollars for
33 those persons who select a more permanent scalp hair
34 prosthesis. A person may request a one-time expenditure of
35 up to three thousand two hundred dollars. The benefits
36 required by this section shall expire when total benefits
37 paid reach three thousand two hundred dollars [or when such
38 person listed in subsection 1 of this section reaches
39 eighteen years of age].

40 [4.] 5. The health care service required by this
41 section shall not be subject to any greater deductible or co-
42 payment than other similar health care services provided by
43 the policy, program, or plan.

44 [5.] 6. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a
45 health insurer or health benefit plan from providing
46 coverage that is greater than or more favorable to persons
47 than the coverage provided by this section.

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