

HR 547

To amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for hair prostheses for individuals with scalp hair loss as a result of alopecia areata.

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 7, 2001
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Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 12, 2002
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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 10, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2001
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2001
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 8, 2001)

Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering coverage in connection with such plans to provide coverage for scalp hair prostheses for participants or beneficiaries who have scalp hair loss as a result of alopecia areata, if the attending physician certifies the medical necessity of that proposed course of rehabilitative treatment. Provides that such coverage is not subject to dollar limits, deductibles, and coinsurance provisions that are less favorable than those for other prosthesis coverage under the plan; but authorizes the plan or issuer to pay for only 80 percent of the customary and usual costs of the prosthesis exclusive of any deductible.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to apply this Act's requirement to health insurance coverage offered by a health insurance issuer in the individual market in the same manner as it applies to coverage offered in the small or large group market.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1236)
- **Mar 29, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **Mar 14, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 16, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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