

HOUSE No. 921

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

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 10D of chapter 118E of the 2006 Official Edition of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding the new subsection:—SECTION 10E. The division shall
3 provide coverage for scalp hair prosthesis, as defined by section 47T of chapter 175, for
4 expenses for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result of the treatment of any
5 form of cancer or leukemia; provided, however, that such coverage shall be subject to a written
6 statement by the treating physician that the scalp hair prosthesis is medically necessary; and
7 provided, further, that such coverage shall be subject to the same limitations and guidelines as
8 other prostheses. Any such decision shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations
9 promulgated by the department of public health.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 176M, of the 2006 Official Edition of the General Laws is hereby
11 amended by adding the new subsection:—Section 6B. The Nongroup Advisory Board is hereby
12 directed to add as a benefit, under an individual nongroup health insurance policy, coverage for
13 scalp hair prosthesis, as defined by section 47T of chapter 175, for expenses for scalp hair
14 prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result of treatment of any form of cancer or leukemia;

15 provided, however, that such coverage shall be subject to a written statement by the treating
16 physician that the scalp hair prosthesis is medically necessary; and provided, further, that such
17 coverage shall be subject to the same limitations and guidelines as other prostheses.