

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3872

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for wigs as durable medical equipment under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR WIGS AS DURABLE**
4 **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER THE MEDI-**
5 **CARE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following new sentence: “Such term in-
9 cludes cranial prostheses furnished to an individual, but

1 only where the dermatologist, oncologist, or attending phy-
 2 sician of the individual certifies in writing the medical ne-
 3 cessity of such prostheses as part of a proposed course
 4 of rehabilitative treatment or for hair loss caused by a
 5 health condition, including autoimmune diseases, cancer,
 6 or chemotherapy.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1862(a)(1)
 8 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)) is
 9 amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (O), by striking “and” at
 11 the end;

12 (2) in subparagraph (P), by striking the semi-
 13 colon and inserting “, and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 15 paragraph:

16 “(Q) in the case of cranial prostheses (as described
 17 in section 1861(n)), which are not certified in the manner
 18 described in such section;”.

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