

House Bill 74

By: Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Beverly of the 143rd, Davis of the 87th, Clark of the 108th, Park of the 107th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for Medicaid coverage for the
3 prevention and treatment of lymphedema; to provide for submission of a state plan
4 amendment or waiver, if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "49-4-159.2.

11 (a) The department shall provide Medicaid coverage for the prevention and treatment of
12 lymphedema. Such prevention and treatment shall include, as appropriate, based on
13 accepted standards of care, garments, fittings, and replacements as necessary; treatment
14 performed by certified lymphedema therapists; and surgical treatment.

15 (b) If necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section, the department shall
16 submit a Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver request to the United States Department
17 of Health and Human Services."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.