

House Bill 875

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 insurance generally, so as to require coverage by health benefit plans for certain services and  
3 procedures covered by Medicaid or medicare; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance  
8 generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "33-24-59.23.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

11 (1) 'CPT code' means an established current procedural terminology code for use in  
12 reporting medical services and procedures performed by health care providers.

13 (2) 'Health benefit plan' means any hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy,  
14 hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan, contract or  
15 agreement with a health maintenance organization, subscriber contract or agreement,  
16 preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurance benefit plan, or other  
17 insurance contract under any other name.

18 (b) Every health benefit plan issued, delivered, or renewed in this state shall provide  
19 coverage of a service or procedure performed by a health care provider that is assigned a  
20 CPT code that is a covered service or procedure under Medicaid or medicare or both."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.