



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2026 Legislative Proposal

SENATE BILL 88

AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SCALP COOLING

The Current Situation

Hair loss is a common and distressing side effect of chemotherapy and can take a significant emotional toll on patients during cancer treatment. Scalp cooling systems have been shown to reduce or prevent hair loss for many patients receiving chemotherapy, but this treatment is often not covered under commercial health plans. As a result, patients are often required to pay between \$1,500–3,000 out-of-pocket for these systems per round of chemotherapy.

This lack of coverage creates financial strain and limits access to a supportive care option that can meaningfully improve patients' well-being.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Require insurance coverage for FDA-approved scalp cooling treatments for cancer patients on all state regulated individual and group plans, when used in connection with chemotherapy. Requiring coverage will reduce financial barriers and improve access to supportive care that helps patients maintain quality of life and dignity while undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

