

House Bill 951

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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 health benefit plans, policies, or contracts executed by  
3 the state to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their  
4 materials and components; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide  
5 for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance  
9 generally, is amended in Code Section 33-24-59.35, relating to required coverage orthotic  
10 devices and prosthetic devices, reporting, and regulation, by revising paragraph (3) of  
11 subsection (a) as follows:

12 "(3) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for  
13 healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by an  
14 insurer that provides major medical benefits. ~~Such~~ On or after January 1, 2027, such term  
15 shall ~~not~~ include any plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state to provide  
16 healthcare coverage on behalf of state employees, public school teachers and employees,

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17 and members and employees of the Board of Regents and their retirees and dependents  
18 under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, and shall not apply to the provision of  
19 healthcare services pursuant to a contract entered into by an insurer and the Department  
20 of Community Health for recipients of Medicaid. Such term shall not include  
21 self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans subject to the exclusive  
22 jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as codified  
23 and amended at 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.