

House Bill 1512

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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 coverage of prescription drugs  
3 prescribed as a treatment for obesity for Medicaid recipients; to provide for conditions; to  
4 provide for a state plan amendment or waiver request; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; 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 "49-4-152.7.

11 (a) The department shall provide coverage for a prescription drug prescribed to a Medicaid  
12 recipient as a treatment for obesity if:

13 (1) Such drug is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a  
14 treatment for obesity; and

15 (2) A duly licensed practitioner in this state has determined that such drug is medically  
16 necessary for the recipient.

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

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**SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.