

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 HOUSE BILL 2841

By: Meredith

4  
5  
6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to insurance; mandating health  
8 benefit plans provide coverage for the diagnosis,  
9 evaluation and treatment of lymphedema; requiring  
10 medically necessary treatment be included in  
11 coverage; requiring the same deductibles, co-  
12 insurance and other limitations for certain services;  
13 providing definition; providing for codification; and  
14 providing an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.31 of Title 36, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 Section 6060.31 A. For all plans issued or renewed on or after  
20 November 1, 2018, a health benefit plan shall provide coverage for  
21 the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of lymphedema. The coverage  
22 required by this section shall include benefits for equipment,  
23 supplies, complex decongestive therapy, gradient compression  
24 garments and self-management training and education if the treatment  
is determined to be medically necessary and is provided by a  
licensed occupational or physical therapist or licensed nurse that

1 has experience providing this treatment or other licensed health  
2 care professional whose treatment of lymphedema is within the  
3 professional's scope of practice.

4 B. The same deductibles, co-insurance and other limitations for  
5 similar services covered under the health benefit plan shall also  
6 apply to coverage for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of  
7 lymphedema required to be covered under this section.

8 C. As used in this section, "gradient compression garments":

- 9 1. Require a prescription;
- 10 2. Are custom-fit for the covered individual; and
- 11 3. Do not include disposable medical supplies such as over-the-  
12 counter compression or elastic knee-high or other stocking products.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

14  
15 56-2-9203 AMM 01/05/18  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24