

**(Board Action Affirmed; 2023 Annual Meeting)**  
**Board Adopted Resolution as Amended**  
**(January 2023)**

**ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**Resolution 12.2022-30**  
**(A-23)**

Introduced by: Divya Meher Surabhi, MPH, Kate Fahey and Cecily Negri, ISMS Members

Subject: Advocating for All Payer Coverage of Wigs for Patients Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Referred to: Council on Economics

---

RESOLVED, that our ISMS urge all payers to consider that wigs, cold caps and medically necessary cranial prosthetics may have significant benefits to improve the quality of life for patients with cancer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our ISMS work with relevant stakeholders such as the American Medical Association and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to encourage payers to cover costs associated with wigs, cold caps and medically necessary cranial prosthetics for patients with alopecia secondary to cancer treatments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our ISMS seek or cause to be introduced legislation to the Illinois General Assembly to require all third-party payers, including Medicaid MCOs, to reimburse wigs, cold caps and medically necessary cranial prosthetics provided to patients with alopecia secondary to cancer treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our ISMS Delegation to the AMA introduce a similar resolution to the next AMA House of Delegates directing the AMA to work with all relevant medical specialty societies, third party payers, including CMS, and other national stakeholders as deemed appropriate to require third party payers to include reimbursement for wigs, cold caps and medically necessary cranial prosthetics for patients with alopecia secondary to cancer treatment.