Vitiligo and alopecia areata are autoimmune diseases, **NOT COSMETIC CONDITIONS.**

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FDA-approved treatments exist, but outdated coverage policies can prevent patients from accessing them.

	MEDICARE COVERAGE	MEDICAID COVERAGE	ASKS
Vitiligo	Recognizes vitiligo drugs as non-cosmetic	Many state Medicaid programs deny treatment as cosmetic or cover only for other diagnoses.	Clarify that vitiligo is not cosmetic under Section 1927(d)(2) and treatment cannot be denied on that basis for Medicaid. Bring state Medicaid policies into alignment with Medicare's recognition that vitiligo treatment is medically necessary.
Alopecia Areata	Medicare guidance does not clearly recognize alopecia areata treatment as medically necessary and non-cosmetic.	State Medicaid programs also frequently restrict or deny coverage.	Medicare: Update the Part D manual to recognize alopecia areata as an immune-mediated disease for which patients deserve access to treatment and confirm that FDA-approved treatments are eligible for coverage. Medicaid: Clarify that alopecia areata treatments cannot be excluded from coverage as cosmetic or solely for hair growth.

Coverage decisions should reflect medical evidence and patients' clinical needs.