

Woman's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1988 - Notice of Post-Mastectomy Benefits

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, a federal law, was enacted on October 21, 1998. This law requires that a medical plan's coverage of a necessary mastectomy also include the following post-mastectomy coverage for:

- Reconstruction of the breast;
- Surgery of the other breast to achieve the appearance of symmetry;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications during any stage of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This coverage will be provided in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. Benefits will be subject to the same annual deductibles, copays and coinsurance as applicable to any other type of care.