

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 – Annual Notice

In October 1998, Congress enacted the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998. This notice explains some important provisions of the Act. Please review this information carefully.

As specified in the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act, a plan participant or beneficiary who elects breast reconstruction in connection with a covered mastectomy is also entitled to the following benefits:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

Health plans must provide coverage of mastectomy-related benefits in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. Coverage for breast reconstruction and related services may be subject to deductibles and coinsurance amounts that are consistent with those that apply to other benefits under this plan.

For more information regarding your rights after a mastectomy:
<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/whcra.html>