

## Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 requires group health plans, insurance issuers and HMOs who already provide medical and surgical benefits for mastectomy procedures to provide insurance coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomies. This expanded coverage includes (i) reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed, (ii) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and (iii) prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedema. These procedures may be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions that are similar to those applying to other benefits under the plan or coverage.

For answers to specific questions regarding your particular health plan's policy, contact the Plan Administrator.