WOMEN’S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998


One of the provisions of this act requires group health plans to notify health plan Members of their rights under this law.

Benefits Guaranteed by this Law
The provisions of this law require that group health plans that provide medical and surgical benefits in connection with a mastectomy must provide benefits for certain reconstructive surgery. This includes:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy has been performed.
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.
- Prostheses and physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

The law also states that “the services will be considered in a manner determined in consultation with the attending Physician and the patient.” In other words, you and your Physician will determine the most appropriate treatment for your individual situation.

Coverage of these services is subject to the terms and conditions of your health plan, including your Plan’s normal Copayment, annual Deductibles and Coinsurance provisions.

If you have any questions regarding your benefits or rights under this act, call the Claims Administrator listed in the Plan Contact Information of the CU GME Health Benefits Plan Document.