

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA)

For the plan year starting January 1, 2027

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act requires group health plans and their insurance companies and HMOs to provide certain benefits for mastectomy patients who elect breast reconstruction. For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

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; Protheses; and Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

Breast reconstruction benefits are subject to deductibles and co-insurance limitations that are consistent with those established for other benefits under the plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, contact your plan administrator (see the contact information at the top of this Annual Notices section).