



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 458

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**AN ACT REQUIRING COMMUNICATION OF MAMMOGRAPHIC
BREAST DENSITY INFORMATION TO PATIENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-503 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
4 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of
5 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
6 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide
7 benefits for mammographic examinations to any woman covered
8 under the policy which are at least equal to the following minimum
9 requirements: (1) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is
10 thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and (2) a mammogram
11 every year for any woman who is forty years of age or older. Such
12 policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound
13 screening of an entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates
14 heterogeneous or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging
15 Reporting and Data System established by the American College of
16 Radiology or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast
17 cancer due to family history or prior personal history of breast cancer,
18 positive genetic testing or other indications as determined by a
19 woman's physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

20 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy
21 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy.

22 (c) On and after October 1, 2009, each mammography report
23 provided to a patient shall include information about breast density,
24 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established
25 by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report
26 shall include the following notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates
27 that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small
28 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests,
29 which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI
30 examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A
31 report of your mammography results, which contains information
32 about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and
33 you should contact your physician if you have any questions or
34 concerns about this report."

35 Sec. 2. Section 38a-530 of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

37 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the
38 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
39 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
40 this state on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide benefits for
41 mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy
42 which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) A
43 baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine
44 years of age, inclusive; and (2) a mammogram every year for any
45 woman who is forty years of age or older. Such policy shall provide
46 additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening of an
47 entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous
48 or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data
49 System established by the American College of Radiology or if a
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62 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests,
63 which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI
64 examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A
65 report of your mammography results, which contains information
66 about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and
67 you should contact your physician if you have any questions or
68 concerns about this report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	38a-503
Sec. 2	October 1, 2009	38a-530

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PH *Joint Favorable*