

REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage that includes medical and surgical benefits with respect to a mastectomy shall include medical and surgical benefits for breast reconstructive surgery as part of a mastectomy procedure. Breast reconstructive surgery in connection with a mastectomy shall at a minimum provide for: (1) reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed; (2) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and (3) prostheses and physical complications for all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas; in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. As part of the USW HRA Plan, such expenses are eligible for reimbursement.