

LAKE-SUMTER MEDICAL SOCIETY HEALTH PLAN

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998: Model Annual Notice

"Did you know that your plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymph edema)?"

Call your Plan Administrator for more information."

WHCRA Notice upon enrollment in the Plan (it can also be used to meet annual notice requirements):

Notice Regarding the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers providing benefits for a mastectomy must also provide, in connection with the mastectomy for which the participant or beneficiary is receiving benefits, coverage for:

- all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- prostheses and physical complications of mastectomy, including lymphedemas;

in a manner determined in consultation between the attending physician and the patient.

These benefits may be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions that are appropriate and consistent with other benefits under your plan or coverage.