

Important Notice for You and/or Your Family Members



The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) is a federal law that provides protection to patients who choose to have breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy. Each year we are required to send this notice that explains coverage for breast reconstruction surgery for you or your covered family members.

Coverage for breast reconstruction surgery

Breast reconstruction surgery can be performed at the same time as the mastectomy or later. You are covered for both the reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy is performed, as well as the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance. In addition, your health plan covers prosthesis and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedema. The type of procedure is determined in consultation between you and your attending physician. Coverage is subject to the terms of your contract.

Spread the word ...

Mammograms help detect breast cancer early, when it's much easier to treat. If you or a family member is due for a mammogram, schedule this important screening today. Visit the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) at www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org for breast cancer screening recommendations. For breast cancer facts, information about treatments, patient forums and more, visit the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, Komen for the Cure® at www.komen.org or the National Breast Cancer Foundation at www.nationalbreastcancer.org.

Thank you. If you have questions about your coverage, please call the number on the back of your member ID card.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jannifer Drake Harper MD".

Jannifer Drake Harper MD
Vice President of Medical Operations

Si desea hablar sobre esta carta en español con uno de nuestros representantes, por favor llame al número de atención al cliente indicado en su tarjeta de asegurado y pida ser transferido a un representante bilingüe.