



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires a hospital to provide written information regarding breast reconstruction to a patient before obtaining the patient's consent for a mastectomy, lymph node dissection, or lumpectomy.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Informing patients about breast reconstruction

The bill requires a hospital to provide certain information regarding breast reconstruction to a patient before obtaining the patient's consent for a mastectomy, lymph node dissection, or lumpectomy. The hospital must provide all of the following in writing:

(1) Descriptions of the various breast reconstruction options and the advantages and disadvantages of each;

(2) Information on how to obtain breast reconstructive surgery, including information about obtaining the surgery at the same hospital (if provided) and at another facility;

(3) Information on the timing of the reconstructive surgery, including the option of waiting until any chemotherapy or radiation treatments have been completed;

(4) An explanation of the availability of health insurance coverage for breast reconstruction and related services. The federal "Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998" requires that, if a group health plan or health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance policies provides coverage for mastectomies, then coverage for breast reconstruction and related services must also be provided. This

coverage includes all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed, as well as reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.¹

(5) Any other breast reconstruction information considered appropriate by the Director of Health.²

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-03-11

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¹ 29 U.S.C. 1185b; 42 U.S.C. 300gg-52.

² R.C. 3727.60.

