

House Bill No. 1497

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Coverage for Services Following a Mastectomy or Surgical Removal of a Testicle

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination date for insurance coverage for certain home visits following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to assess the impacts of requiring health insurance carriers to provide coverage for the cost of certain inpatient hospitalization services following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly on the results of its study; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for services following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15–832

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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Chapter 120 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, as amended by
Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003

Section 7

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Insurance

15–832.

(a) In this section, “mastectomy” means the surgical removal of all or part of a breast as a result of breast cancer.

(b) This section applies to:

(1) insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide inpatient hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups on an expense-incurred basis under health insurance policies or contracts that are issued or delivered in the State; and

(2) health maintenance organizations that provide inpatient hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups under contracts that are issued or delivered in the State.

(c) For a patient who receives less than 48 hours of inpatient hospitalization following a mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle, or who undergoes a