

mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle on an outpatient basis, an entity subject to this section shall provide coverage for:

- (1) one home visit scheduled to occur within 24 hours after discharge from the hospital or outpatient health care facility; and
 - (2) an additional home visit if prescribed by the patient's attending physician.
- (d) Each entity subject to this section shall provide notice annually to its enrollees and insureds about the coverage required under this section.

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

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999. [Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 7 years and, at the end of September 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall assess the social, medical, and financial impacts of requiring health insurance carriers to provide:

(1) at minimum, coverage for the cost of inpatient hospitalization services for an overnight stay following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle; and

(2) if a medical complication related to the mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle should occur, additional medically necessary inpatient hospitalization services.

(b) The assessment shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of § 15-1501(c) of the Insurance Article.

(c) On or before January 1, 2007, the Commission shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the results of its assessment.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have