

(3) DISTRIBUTE THE STANDARDIZED WRITTEN SUMMARY TO EACH HOSPITAL, CLINIC, AND PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE AND OTHER FACILITY THAT PERFORMS TREATMENTS OF BREAST CANCER.

(C) A PHYSICIAN SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IF:

(1) THE PHYSICIAN PROVIDES A BREAST CANCER PATIENT WITH THE STANDARDIZED WRITTEN SUMMARY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IN LANGUAGE THAT THE PATIENT UNDERSTANDS;

(2) THE PATIENT RECEIVES THE STANDARDIZED WRITTEN SUMMARY WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE START OF THE TREATMENT FOR BREAST CANCER; AND

(3) THE PATIENT SIGNS A STATEMENT PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF THE STANDARDIZED WRITTEN SUMMARY.

(D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN CERTIFIES THAT:

(1) TREATMENT FOR BREAST CANCER OCCURRED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE PHYSICIAN INFORMING THE PATIENT OF THE DIAGNOSIS; AND

(2) TREATMENT WITHIN THIS PERIOD OF TIME WAS NECESSARY TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE PATIENT.

(B) (E) A PHYSICIAN WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 14-504(27) OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this subtitle shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to the requirements established by other laws upon a physician and may not be regarded as in derogation or substitution of any requirement now existing upon a physician.

SECTION -2- 3 . AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July-17-1986~~ July 1, 1987.

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