

Article - Health - General

Section 20-115(a)(1) and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

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19-348.

(a) (1) Each hospital shall offer to each adult female inpatient of the hospital a Papanicolaou smear for detection of cervical cancer unless:

[(1)](I) The attending physician orders otherwise; or

[(2)](II) The patient has had the examination within the preceding year.

[(b)](2) A patient may refuse the examination.

~~(B) (1) EACH HOSPITAL SHALL OFFER MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING, AS DEFINED UNDER § 20-115 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO EACH FEMALE INPATIENT WHO IS AT LEAST 50 YEARS OLD UNLESS:~~

~~(i) THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN ORDERS OTHERWISE, OR~~

~~(ii) THE PATIENT HAS HAD MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING WITHIN THE PRECEDING YEAR.~~

~~(2) A PATIENT MAY REFUSE THE MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING.~~

(B) (1) EACH HOSPITAL, AT THE TIME IT OFFERS THE PAPANICOLAOU SMEAR AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL ALSO OFFER MAMMOGRAPHY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO EACH FEMALE PATIENT WHEN MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE PATIENT.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND, AND APPROPRIATE ADVOCACY GROUPS, SHALL ~~SELECT~~, SELECT AND APPROVE, OR DEVELOP, AND PRINT, AND UPDATE AS NECESSARY, MAMMOGRAPHY EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20-115.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(3) (i) "Mammography testing" means the imaging of the breast with ionizing radiation.

(ii) "Mammography testing" includes xeromammography.