

terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the provision of coverage for certain reconstructive breast surgery.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 490FF
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 19-706(d)
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:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

490FF.

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY" MEANS SURGERY PERFORMED, FOLLOWING A MASTECTOMY, ON ONE BREAST OR BOTH BREASTS TO REESTABLISH SYMMETRY BETWEEN THE TWO BREASTS.~~

~~(2) "RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY" INCLUDES AUGMENTATION MAMMOPLASTY, REDUCTION MAMMOPLASTY, AND MASTOPEXY.~~

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "MASTECTOMY" MEANS THE SURGICAL REMOVAL OF ALL OR PART OF A BREAST AS A RESULT OF BREAST CANCER.

(3) (1) "RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY" MEANS SURGERY PERFORMED AS A RESULT OF A MASTECTOMY TO REESTABLISH SYMMETRY BETWEEN THE TWO BREASTS.

(II) "RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY" INCLUDES AUGMENTATION MAMMOPLASTY, REDUCTION MAMMOPLASTY, AND MASTOPEXY.

(B) AN INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT PROVIDES HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS FOR ISSUANCE OR DELIVERY IN THE STATE TO ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS, INCLUDING A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY RESULTING FROM A MASTECTOMY.

(C) THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ALL STAGES OF RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST