

(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 SURGERY PERFORMED ON A NONDISEASED BREAST TO ESTABLISH SYMMETRY WITH THE DISEASED BREAST WHEN RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY ON THE DISEASED BREAST IS PERFORMED.

Article – Health – General

19-706.

(d) (1) The provisions of Article 48A, § 58A of the Code and Article 48A, Subtitles 9A and 11 shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 48A, § 490FF OF THE CODE SHALL APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all new policies or health benefit plans issued or delivered in the State on or after the effective date of this Act and to the renewal of all policies in effect before that date,