

relating to the breast cancer program administered by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 20-116

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Health - General

20-116.

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

(2) "Biennial" means once every other year.

(3) "Clinical breast examination" means a breast examination performed by a health care professional for the purpose of detecting breast cancer.

(4) "Eligible individual" means an individual who is eligible to receive benefits under the Program in accordance with subsection ~~(d)~~ (E) of this section.

(5) "Mammogram" means an X-ray examination of the breast using dedicated equipment, including X-ray tube, filter, compression device, screens, films, and cassettes, specifically for mammography that delivers an average radiation exposure of less than one rad mid-breast with two views for each breast.

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

[(6)] (7) "Program" means the Breast Cancer Program.

(b) (1) The Department shall establish a Breast Cancer Program.

(2) The purpose of the Program is to:

(i) Provide at least biennial screening mammograms and clinical breast examinations to low-income, underinsured and low-income, uninsured women aged 40 years to 49 years;

(ii) Provide annual screening mammograms and clinical breast examinations to low-income, underinsured and low-income, uninsured women aged 50 years and older; and

(iii) Provide diagnosis and treatment for individuals who are identified by this Program as being in need.

(C) TREATMENT PROVIDED TO A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT WHO HAS UNDERGONE A MASTECTOMY SHALL INCLUDE: