

**CHAPTER 59**

**(Senate Bill 39)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance – Coverage for Home Visits After Mastectomy or Surgical Removal of a Testicle – ~~Repeat~~ Extension of Sunset**

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ extending a certain termination date for insurance coverage for certain home visits following a mastectomy or surgical removal of a testicle.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15–832

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 120 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999

Section 7

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

**Article – Insurance**

15–832.

(a) In this section, “mastectomy” means the surgical removal of all or part of a breast as a result of breast cancer.

(b) This section applies to:

(1) insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide inpatient hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups on an expense–incurred basis under health insurance policies or contracts that are issued or delivered in the State; and

(2) health maintenance organizations that provide inpatient hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups under contracts that are issued or delivered in the State.

(c) For a patient who receives less than 48 hours of inpatient hospitalization following a mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle, or who undergoes a mastectomy or the surgical removal of a testicle on an outpatient basis, an entity subject to this section shall provide coverage for:

(1) one home visit scheduled to occur within 24 hours after discharge from the hospital or outpatient health care facility; and