



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 172**

February Session, 2008

\* SB00172PH 042308 \*

**AN ACT REQUIRING COMMUNICATION OF MAMMOGRAPHIC  
BREAST DENSITY INFORMATION TO PATIENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-503 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of  
4 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10), (11) and (12) of  
5 section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or  
6 continued in this state on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide  
7 benefits for mammographic examinations to any woman covered  
8 under the policy which are at least equal to the following minimum  
9 requirements: (1) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is  
10 thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and (2) a mammogram  
11 every year for any woman who is forty years of age or older. Such  
12 policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound  
13 screening of an entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates  
14 heterogeneous or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging  
15 Reporting and Data System established by the American College of  
16 Radiology or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast  
17 cancer due to family history or prior personal history of breast cancer,  
18 positive genetic testing or other indications as determined by a  
19 woman's physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

20 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy  
21 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy.

22 (c) On and after October 1, 2008, each mammography report  
23 provided to a patient shall include information about breast density,  
24 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established  
25 by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report  
26 shall include the following notice: "Your mammogram does show that  
27 you have significantly dense breast tissue, and a follow-up breast  
28 ultrasound has been suggested. A report of your mammography  
29 results was sent to (insert physician or provider name here)".

30 Sec. 2. Section 38a-530 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

32 (a) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the  
33 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-  
34 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in  
35 this state on or after October 1, 2001, shall provide benefits for  
36 mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy  
37 which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) A  
38 baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine  
39 years of age, inclusive; and (2) a mammogram every year for any  
40 woman who is forty years of age or older. Such policy shall provide  
41 additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening of an  
42 entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous  
43 or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data  
44 System established by the American College of Radiology or if a  
45 woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to  
46 family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive  
47 genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's  
48 physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

49 (b) Benefits under this section shall be subject to any policy  
50 provisions that apply to other services covered by such policy.

51 (c) On and after October 1, 2008, each mammography report

52 provided to a patient shall include information about breast density,  
53 based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established  
54 by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report  
55 shall include the following notice: "Your mammogram does show that  
56 you have significantly dense breast tissue, and a follow-up breast  
57 ultrasound has been suggested. A report of your mammography  
58 results was sent to (insert physician or provider name here)".

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |         |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | 38a-503 |
| Sec. 2  | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | 38a-530 |

**INS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**PH**        *Joint Favorable*