

Federal Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

The City of Portland's plans, as required by the Federal Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (Women's Health Act) provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymphedema.) Call your Plan Administrator at **503-243-3974** for more information.

Women's Health Act Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. I've been diagnosed with breast cancer and plan to have a mastectomy. How will the Women's Health Act affect my benefits?** Under the Women's Health Act, group health plans offering mastectomy coverage must also provide coverage for reconstructive surgery in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and patient. Coverage includes reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed, surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas.
- 2. Under the Women's Health Act, may group health plans impose deductibles or coinsurance requirements for reconstructive surgery in connection with a mastectomy?** Yes, but only if the deductibles and coinsurance are consistent with those established for other benefits under the plan or coverage.