

Required Notice for the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

This is a required notice. No action is necessary.

In accordance with the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, STRS Ohio's Aetna Basic Plan will provide coverage to include the following mastectomy-related procedures:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prosthesis and treatment of physical complications at all stages of a mastectomy, including lymphedemas (swelling of the hand and arm on the operated side).

This coverage will be provided in consultation with the attending physician and the patient and will be subject to the same annual deductible and coinsurance provisions that apply for the mastectomy.

If you have questions about coverage of mastectomies and reconstructive surgery, please call Aetna toll-free at 800-645-5677.