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CHAPTER 59

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Coverage for Home Visits After Mastectomy or Surgical**
3 **Removal of a Testicle - ~~Repeal~~ Extension of Sunset**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Insurance
9 Section 15-832
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 120 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999
14 Section 7

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

17 **Article - Insurance**

18 15-832.

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

1 (b) This section applies to:

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

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

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

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

15 (2) an additional home visit if prescribed by the patient's attending
16 physician.

17 (d) Each entity subject to this section shall provide notice annually to its
18 enrollees and insureds about the coverage required under this section.

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Chapter 120 of the Acts of 1999

20 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
21 Section 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999. {Section 2 of this Act
22 shall remain effective for a period of 4 7 years and, at the end of September 30, ~~2003~~
23 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act
24 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.}

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2003.