

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998
Annual Notification
January 1, 2003

The United States Congress passed the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998. This act affects both group and individual health plans that provide medical/surgical coverage for a mastectomy. This act requires these health plans provide coverage for reconstructive surgery and related services that may follow a mastectomy.

In compliance with the law, Memorial Hospital's M-Care Plan covers the following services for any covered individual in connection with a mastectomy and who elects breast reconstruction with it. Coverage is provided for:

- Reconstructive surgery of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and physical complications for all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

The Plan's deductibles, coinsurance and co-payments that are in effect at the time service is provided will apply to the coverage described above. All other terms and conditions of your M-Care Plan will apply to this coverage.

If you have any questions or concerns about how this legislation affects you, please call the claims office at Memorial Hospital Medical Network, (719) 365-5025.