

BREAST DENSITY NOTIFICATION ACT - ENACTMENT

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An Act

Requiring the notification of breast density to patients who receive a mammogram.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Breast Density Notification Act.

Section 2. Breast density notification and information provided.

(a) Inclusion of density information.--Each mammography report and any other written communication concerning the mammography report provided to a patient by a mammography facility certified by the United States Food and Drug Administration shall include the patient's breast density information based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology.

(b) Notice.--The report and any other written communication concerning the mammography report provided to a patient shall also include the following notice:

This notice contains the results of your recent mammogram, including information about breast density. If your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense, you should know that dense breast tissue is a common finding and is not abnormal. Statistics show many women could have dense or highly dense breasts. Dense breast tissue can make it harder to find cancer on a mammogram and may be associated with an increased risk of cancer. This information about the result of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness and to inform your conversations with your physician. Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you based on your mammogram results, individual risk factors or physical examination. A report of your results was sent to your physician.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 90 days.