

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 Notice

Important Notice

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If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA).

For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymph edema.

The plan will determine the manner of coverage in consultation with you and your attending doctor. These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under your plan.

If you would like more information about the benefits available for mastectomy-related services, please refer to your SBC or call Blue Cross of Idaho Customer Service Line. The phone number is on the back of your ID card.





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Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Offer Free Or Low-Cost Health Coverage To Children And Families

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or **www.insurekidsnow.gov** to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask if Idaho has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer's health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan – as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer's plan. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.**

You may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility:

IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov

Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588

CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov

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