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SB 556 Reengrossed 2018 Regular Session Carter

Proposed law requires every hospital licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health and every Louisiana physician who provides mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection, or a lumpectomy to provide information to the patient concerning the option of reconstructive surgery following such procedures, including the availability of coverage for reconstructive surgery, in accordance with the state insurance law and applicable provisions of federal law.

Proposed law requires the information be provided to the patient in writing and in advance of obtaining consent to the surgical procedure.

Proposed law requires that at a minimum the information include the following:

- (1) A description of the various reconstructive options and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- (2) A description of the provisions assuring coverage by public and private insurance plans of the costs related to reconstructive surgery under federal and state law.
- (3) A description of how a patient may access reconstructive care, including the potential of transferring care to a facility that provides reconstructive care or choosing to pursue reconstruction after completion of breast cancer surgery and chemotherapy and radiotherapy, if warranted.
- (4) Other information as may be required by the secretary of health, consistent with information developed by the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Board and circulated to providers and patients by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Present law is known as the "Oral and Written Summary of Breast Cancer Treatment Alternatives Law". Proposed law renames Part as the "Carter Stokes Oral and Written Summary of Breast Cancer Treatment Alternatives and Access to Breast Reconstruction Surgery Information Law".

Effective upon signature by the governor.

(Amends R.S. 40:1103.1; adds R.S. 40:1103.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Clarifies that the requirement to provide reconstruction surgery information applies to all hospitals licensed by LDH.
2. Renames law as the "Carter Stokes Oral and Written Summary of Breast Cancer Treatment Alternatives and Access to Breast Reconstruction Surgery Information Law".

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Requires that the requirement to provide reconstruction surgery information also applies to all Louisiana physicians who provide mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection, or a lumpectomy.

2. Makes legislative bureau technical amendments.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill:

1. To the list of information that must be provided to patients, add other information as may be required by the secretary of health, consistent with information developed by the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Board and circulated to providers and patients by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.
2. Add that the Act will become effective upon signature by the governor.