

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 580 (SB 556)

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New law requires every hospital licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) 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.

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

New 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 LDH, consistent with information developed by LDH and the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Board and circulated to providers and patients by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

Prior law is known as the "Oral and Written Summary of Breast Cancer Treatment Alternatives Law". New law renames prior law 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 (May 31, 2018).

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