

**WOMEN'S HEALTH & CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998**

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 mandates that plan sponsors provide a notice to participants about reconstructive surgery after mastectomy. Please read the notice below for further information:

**NOTICE**

The Federal Government passed the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 on October 21, 1998. The Women's Health Act provides that group health plans that offer medical and surgical benefits with respect to mastectomies will provide the following services to a participant or beneficiary in connection with a mastectomy:

- reconstruction 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 states of mastectomy, including lymphedemas (swelling associated with the removal of the lymph nodes).

The benefits above will be subject to the same deductible and coinsurance provisions as other covered benefits. If you have any questions regarding this or any other benefit, please call the GHC-SCW Member Services Department at (608) 828- 4853 or toll-free at (800) 605-4327 and request Member Services.