The Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHRA) is a federal law that provides protections to patients who choose to have breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy. The terms of WHRA provide for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all states of the mastectomy procedure, including lymphedemas (swelling of the hand and arm on the operated side)

Such coverage is subject to annual deductible and coinsurance provisions of the plan that are consistent with those established or other benefits under the plan or coverage.