

State of Wisconsin



2017 Assembly Bill 653

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 201

AN ACT to create 255.065 of the statutes; relating to: requiring facilities that perform mammography examinations to provide notice to certain patients regarding dense breast tissue and granting rule-making authority.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 255.065 of the statutes is created to read:

255.065 Breast density notification. (1) In this section:

(a) "Dense breast tissue" means heterogeneously dense breasts or extremely dense breasts based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology.

(b) "Facility" has the meaning given in [42 USC 263b](#) (a) (3).

(c) "Mammography" has the meaning given in s. 255.06 (1) (b).

(2) A facility that performs mammography examinations shall, in delivering, as required under [42 USC 263b](#) (f) (1) (G) (ii) (IV), a summary of the results of any mammography examination, provide to patients with dense breast tissue a notice regarding breast density in substantially the following form:

BREAST DENSITY NOTIFICATION

Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast tissue is found in almost 40 percent of women and is a normal finding. However, studies show that dense breast tissue can make it harder to find cancer on a mammogram and is associated with a slightly increased risk of breast cancer. Regular screening mammograms are still recommended for you. This information is provided to raise your awareness about the result of your mammogram. You can use this information to talk with your health care professional about your own risks for breast cancer. Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you. The results of your mammogram were sent to your doctor. Please note that breast density is affected by several factors and may change over time.

(3) Nothing in this section may be construed to create a duty of care or other legal obligation beyond the duty to provide notice as set forth in this section.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."