

	Source of Information on Reconstruction Coverage	Type of Information/Campaign On Reconstruction Coverage
California	Primary provider who initially referred the patient for screening or biopsy or the provider who has made the diagnosis of breast cancer and initially consulted with the patient about treatment.	“A discussion of breast reconstruction surgery, including, but not limited to, problems, benefits and alternatives”
Illinois	The Director of Department of Public Health shall implement an education campaign to inform breast cancer patients anticipating surgery with dissemination, at a minimum, on relevant State health websites, including the Department of Public Health’s website	<p>The campaign by the Department shall include the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Breast reconstruction is possible at the time of breast cancer surgery, or in a delayed fashion</li> <li>2. Prostheses or breast forms may be available</li> <li>3. Federal law mandates coverage of breast reconstruction and prostheses</li> <li>4. The patient has a right to choose the provider of reconstructive care, including the potential transfer of care to a surgeon that provides breast reconstructive care.</li> <li>5. The patient may undergo breast reconstruction in a delayed fashion for personal reasons or after completion of all other breast cancer treatments.</li> </ol>
New Mexico	The health care provider that provides mastectomy or lumpectomy or lymph node dissection surgery of the breast shall be required to provide information to the patient	<p>The information shall be provided in writing and in advance of obtaining consent for the breast cancer surgery and shall include at least a description of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reconstructive surgery options and the advantages and disadvantages of each option</li> <li>2. The availability of health insurance or health care coverage for costs related to reconstructive surgery</li> <li>3. Patient access to reconstructive surgery services, including referring the patient to a health care provider that provides reconstructive surgery if the health care provider that performs the breast cancer surgery does not offer reconstructive surgery services.</li> </ol> <p>The department of health shall notify health care providers of these provisions.</p>

## New York

The Commissioner of Public Health is charged with developing material and the material is provided by the physician to each patient under his/her care who has been diagnosed to be afflicted with breast cancer upon said diagnosis, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Additionally, every general hospital that provides breast cancer surgery shall provide information to the patient concerning the option of reconstructive surgery.

The commissioner must develop a standardized written summary, in plain language, explaining the alternative medically viable methods of treating breast cancer, including but not limited to hormonal, radiological, chemotherapeutic or surgical treatments or combinations thereof. The summary shall contain information on breast reconstructive surgery, including but not limited to, the use of breast implants, their side effects, risks and other pertinent information to aid a person in deciding on a course of treatment.

Additionally, an informational summary shall also include explanation of coverage;

The information provided by a general hospital shall include:

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.
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 chemo/radiotherapy, if warranted.

## Ohio

The surgeon who will perform the mastectomy or a person designated by the surgeon.

If a surgeon who is to perform a mastectomy considers breast reconstruction appropriate for the patient, the surgeon or designated person shall offer the patient a preoperative referral to a reconstructive or plastic surgeon in accordance with the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC).