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NEW BOOKLETS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF BREAST CANCER TREATMENT LAW (20-113)

Article 20-113 of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to provide a standardized written summary that describes various methods of breast cancer treatment to all physicians in Maryland who treat breast cancer patients. This law went into effect in July, 1987 and requires a treating physician to:

1. Give the written summary to the patient after the patient is informed of a diagnosis of breast cancer.
2. Obtain a signature from the patient on the form provided by DHMH acknowledging that she received the summary, and
3. File the acknowledgement form in the patient's medical record.

The booklets recommended by DHMH's Breast Cancer Medical Advisory Committee are:

- "What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer", a National Institutes of Health (NIH) publication that is distributed through the National Cancer Institute (NCI).
- "For Women Facing Breast Cancer", an American Cancer Society publication distributed by the American Cancer Society.

Either of these booklets may be used to comply with this law. You may order copies of the booklets by calling DHMH at (410) 767-6729. There is no cost to you for the booklets. A copy of the 'Patient Acknowledgement of Receipt of Summary' form will be sent to you with the booklets. If you prefer, the booklets can be ordered, free of charge, directly from the publisher. Depending on the quantity ordered, a small shipping charge may apply. The booklets can be viewed on line.

- "What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer" can be viewed on line at:
<https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs/searchResults.asp?subject1=Breast>
To order call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER.
- "For Women Facing Breast Cancer" can be viewed on line at:
http://www.cancer.org/asp/freebrochures/fb_global.asp
To order a copy of this brochure, please call 1-800-ACS-2345.

If you have any questions regarding the booklet, or the law, please feel free to call Ms. Toni

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