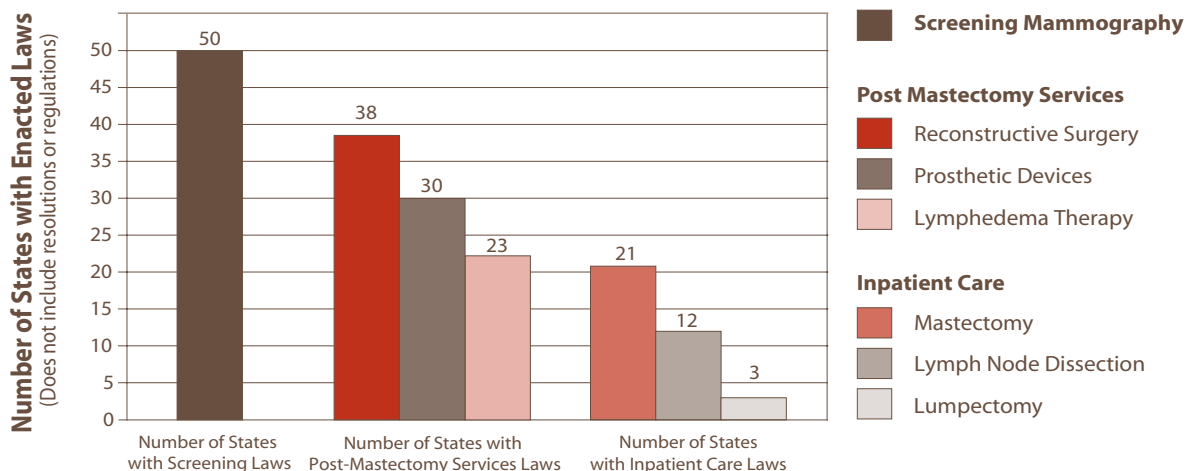




Breast Cancer

Coverage by Private Health Insurers

Number of States with Laws by Type of Service (enacted as of September 30, 2011)



All 50 states and the **District of Columbia** (collectively, states) have enacted laws addressing private health insurance coverage for breast cancer screening and/or breast cancer-related services. The bar chart above illustrates the number of states with laws addressing private health insurance coverage for: (1) screening mammography; (2) post-mastectomy services (i.e., reconstructive surgery, prosthetic devices, and therapy for lymphedema); and (3) inpatient care following a mastectomy, lymph node dissection, or lumpectomy.

Screening Mammography

- All states except **Utah** have enacted legislation addressing mammography coverage.
- Forty-seven states require insurers to provide coverage for screening mammography.
- Two states—**Arkansas** and **Mississippi**—require insurers to offer coverage for screening mammography, while **Michigan** requires insurers to offer or include such coverage.

Post-Mastectomy Services

- Thirty-eight states have enacted legislation addressing insurance coverage for post-mastectomy services.
- Thirty-six states require insurers to provide coverage for reconstructive surgery after a mastectomy, includ-

ing surgery to establish breast symmetry. **Kentucky** law mandates that insurers offer such coverage, and **Michigan** law requires insurers to offer or include such coverage.

- Twenty-eight states require insurers to provide coverage for prosthetic devices after surgery; **Kentucky** mandates that insurers offer such coverage, while **Michigan** requires certain insurers to offer and others to include such coverage.
- Twenty-two states require insurers to provide coverage for lymphedema therapy; **Kentucky** requires insurers to offer such coverage.

Inpatient Care

- Twenty-one states have enacted legislation requiring insurers to provide inpatient care following a mastectomy.
- Twelve states require insurers to provide coverage for inpatient care following a lymph node dissection; all 12 of these states also require coverage for inpatient care following a mastectomy.
- Three states—**Maine**, **Montana**, and **New York**—require insurers to include coverage for inpatient care following a lumpectomy, in addition to their requirements for inpatient care following a mastectomy or lymph node dissection.

The SCLD contains information synthesized from state-level laws. The SCLD does not contain state-level regulations; executive orders; measures implemented by counties, cities, or other localities; opinions of Attorneys General; or data addressing the implementation of state laws—all of which may vary from the laws reported here.

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Laws by Type of Service (enacted as of September 30, 2011)

State	Screening	Post-Mastectomy Services			Inpatient Care		
	Mammography	Reconstructive Surgery	Prosthetic Devices	Lymphedema	Mastectomy	Lymph Node Dissection	Lumpectomy
Alabama	▲						
Alaska	▲	▲					
Arizona	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Arkansas	●	▲	▲	▲	▲		
California	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Colorado	▲						
Connecticut	▲	▲	▲		▲	▲	
Delaware	▲	▲	▲	▲			
District of Columbia	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Florida	▲	▲	▲		▲		
Georgia	▲				▲	▲	
Hawaii	▲						
Idaho	▲						
Illinois	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
Indiana	▲	▲	▲				
Iowa	▲						
Kansas	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Kentucky	▲	●	●	●			
Louisiana	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Maine	▲	▲			▲	▲	▲
Maryland	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
Massachusetts	▲						
Michigan	■	■	■				
Minnesota	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Mississippi	●						
Missouri	▲	▲	▲				
Montana	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Nebraska	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Nevada	▲	▲	▲	▲			
New Hampshire	▲	▲					
New Jersey	▲	▲	▲		▲		
New Mexico	▲				▲	▲	
New York	▲	▲			▲	▲	▲
North Carolina	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
North Dakota	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Ohio	▲						
Oklahoma	▲	▲			▲	▲	
Oregon	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
Pennsylvania	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		
Rhode Island	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
South Carolina	▲	▲	▲		▲		
South Dakota	▲						
Tennessee	▲	▲					
Texas	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Utah		▲	▲	▲			
Vermont	▲						
Virginia	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Washington	▲	▲					
West Virginia	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Wisconsin	▲	▲					
Wyoming	▲						
Totals	50	38	30	23	21	12	3

▲ = requires insurers to provide coverage

● = requires insurers to offer coverage

■ = requires insurers to offer or include coverage