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SENATE BILL 5465

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By Senators Jacobsen, Wood and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to treatment to restore physical function; and  
2 amending RCW 48.20.395, 48.21.230, 48.44.330, and 48.46.280.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.20.395 and 1985 c 54 s 5 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any disability insurance contract providing hospital ~~((and))~~  
7 expenses, medical expenses ((and)), or health care services delivered  
8 ~~((or)),~~ issued, or renewed in this state after July 24, 1983, shall  
9 provide coverage for reconstructive breast surgery resulting from a  
10 mastectomy which resulted from disease, illness, or injury.

11 (2) Any disability insurance contract providing hospital ~~((and))~~  
12 expenses, medical expenses ((and)), or health care services delivered  
13 ~~((or)),~~ issued, or renewed in this state after January 1, 1986, shall  
14 provide coverage for all stages of one reconstructive breast reduction  
15 on the nondiseased breast to make it equal in size with the diseased  
16 breast after definitive reconstructive surgery on the diseased breast  
17 has been performed.

18 (3) Any disability insurance contract providing hospital expenses,  
19 medical expenses, or health care services delivered, issued, or renewed

1 in this state after July 30, 1997, shall provide coverage for treatment  
2 for male erectile dysfunction resulting from disease, illness, or  
3 injury or from surgery or other treatment for disease, illness, or  
4 injury.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 48.21.230 and 1985 c 54 s 6 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Each group disability insurance contract issued or renewed  
8 after July 24, 1983, which insures for hospital or medical care shall  
9 provide coverage for reconstructive breast surgery resulting from a  
10 mastectomy which resulted from disease, illness, or injury.

11 (2) Each group disability insurance contract issued or renewed  
12 after January 1, 1986, which insures for hospital or medical care shall  
13 provide coverage for all stages of one reconstructive breast reduction  
14 on the nondiseased breast to make it equal in size with the diseased  
15 breast after definitive reconstructive surgery on the diseased breast  
16 has been performed.

17 (3) Each group disability insurance contract issued or renewed  
18 after July 30, 1997, that insures for hospital or medical care shall  
19 provide coverage for male erectile dysfunction resulting from disease,  
20 illness, or injury or from surgery or other treatment for disease,  
21 illness, or injury.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 48.44.330 and 1985 c 54 s 7 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 (1) Each contract for health care entered into or renewed after  
25 July 24, 1983, between a health care services contractor and the person  
26 or persons to receive the care shall provide coverage for  
27 reconstructive breast surgery resulting from a mastectomy which  
28 resulted from disease, illness, or injury.

29 (2) Each contract for health care entered into or renewed after  
30 January 1, 1986, between a health care services contractor and the  
31 person or persons to receive the care shall provide coverage for all  
32 stages of one reconstructive breast reduction on the nondiseased breast  
33 to make it equal in size with the diseased breast after definitive  
34 reconstructive surgery on the diseased breast has been performed.

35 (3) Each contract for health care entered into or renewed after  
36 July 30, 1997, between a health care services contractor and the person  
37 or persons to receive the care shall provide coverage for male erectile

1 dysfunction resulting from disease, illness, or injury or from surgery  
2 or other treatment for disease, illness, or injury.

3       **Sec. 4.** RCW 48.46.280 and 1985 c 54 s 8 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5       (1) Any health care service plan issued, amended, or renewed after  
6 July 24, 1983, shall provide coverage for reconstructive breast surgery  
7 resulting from a mastectomy which resulted from disease, illness, or  
8 injury.

9       (2) Any health care service plan issued, amended, or renewed after  
10 January 1, 1986, shall provide coverage for all stages of one  
11 reconstructive breast reduction on the nondiseased breast to make it  
12 equal in size with the diseased breast after definitive reconstructive  
13 surgery on the diseased breast has been performed.

14       (3) Any health care service plan issued, amended, or renewed after  
15 July 30, 1997, shall provide coverage for treatment for male erectile  
16 dysfunction resulting from disease, illness, or injury or from surgery  
17 or other treatment for disease, illness, or injury.

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