

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.13524 Mammogram demonstrating dense breast tissue; notification to patient; information to be provided in report; "dense breast tissue" defined.**

Sec. 13524. (1) If a patient's mammogram demonstrates dense breast tissue, a person who provides mammography services in this state shall provide notification to the patient that includes, but is not limited to, the following information, in the summary of the written report of the results of a mammography examination that is sent directly to a patient pursuant to 42 USC 263b:

"Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast tissue is very common and is not abnormal. However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to find cancer through a mammogram. Also, dense breast tissue may increase your risk for breast cancer. This information about the result of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness. Use this information to discuss with your health care provider whether other supplemental tests in addition to your mammogram may be appropriate for you, based on your individual risk. A report of your results was sent to your ordering physician. If you are self-referred, a report of your results was sent to you in addition to this summary."

(2) As used in this section, "dense breast tissue" means heterogeneously or extremely dense breast tissue as defined in nationally recognized guidelines or systems for breast imaging reporting of mammography screening including, but not limited to, the breast imaging reporting and data system established by the American college of radiology. If, after the effective date of this section, new terms are defined in revised guidelines or systems for breast imaging reporting of mammography screening, and the department determines that those new terms are more appropriate for the purposes of the information required to be provided under this section, the department, by order, may update the definition of dense breast tissue under this subsection to use those new terms. Upon issuance, the department shall forward an order issued under this subsection to the legislature.

**History:** Add. 2014, Act 517, Eff. June 1, 2015.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan indoor radon program from department of health and human services to department of environmental quality, see E.R.O. No. 2017-3, compiled at MCL 333.26254.

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