



Michigan Breast Density Notification

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Michigan is the 21st state to enact **breast density notification legislation**. Effective June 1, 2015 Michigan law requires that mammography service providers inform patients if they have **"dense breast tissue"** on screening mammography. Notification allows patients to discuss additional screening options and cancer risk with their primary care provider.

Michigan Breast Density Notification website is a resource for providers and patients to learn more about the new legislation and breast cancer screening.

www.Mldensebreast.org offers:

- Education for primary care providers, including links to free online CME activities
- Links to the clinical protocols for breast cancer screening
- Information on risk assessment and patient counseling
- Educational materials for patients, including downloadable brochures
- Links to online resources for both providers and patients

About the Legislation

The law requires mammography service providers to relay the following statement to individuals with breast density:

"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."

Additional Resources

- Breast Density CME activities
<https://www.canvas.net/browse/umichigan/courses/breast-density-notification>
- Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-11407_35791-347791--,00.html
- State of Michigan Health and Human Services
<http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>
- Michigan Cancer Consortium
www.michigancancer.org/Resources/BreastPV.html

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