

# BREAST CANCER PATIENT EQUITY ACT

## H.R. 4779 AND S. 3069

H.R. 4779 and S. 3069 would allow Medicare beneficiaries the option to choose custom breast prosthesis after mastectomy surgery.

Today, when a Medicare beneficiary undergoes mastectomy surgery for cancer treatment, her options for breast replacement are off-the-shelf breast prosthesis or surgical reconstruction. These options are opposite ends of the spectrum.



### Current Options for Breast Replacement:

#### Existing Option Off-The Shelf Prosthesis



- Difficult to achieve symmetry
- May move and shift
- Requires a pocketed mastectomy bra

#### Missing Option Custom Breast Prosthesis



- Minimizes shifting
- Gives patients symmetry
- Matches skin tone
- Doesn't require a pocketed mastectomy bra

#### Existing Option Surgical Reconstruction



- Not everyone is a candidate
- May require multiple surgeries
- Implants will need to be replaced in 8-10 years based on manufacturer indication

The goal of this bill is to allow women to choose the breast replacement option that best fits her needs. Each woman is unique and so is her breast cancer journey. Women will not know what option they may need until faced with the decision.

Custom breast prosthesis is a non-surgical reconstruction since it is created by scanning the chest wall for an individual mold to allow the prosthetic to fit like a puzzle-piece against her chest. Women can color-match their skin tone. Currently, the breast is the only known body part not allowed as a custom-replacement by Medicare.

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