

3-D BREAST TOMOGRAPHY NOT COVERED FOR USFHP MEMBERS

The Washington State Senate recently passed legislation that requires all private insurance companies to cover breast tomosynthesis, also called three-dimensional (3-D) mammography or digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT).

This legislation does not apply to federal programs, and USFHP is a federal program. USFHP members seeking this service are required to sign a “Waiver of Non-Covered Services” form, and USFHP network providers must inform beneficiaries in advance that 3-D mammography is not covered by USFHP. PacMed’s contract with the Department of Defense will not permit it to reimburse network providers for

non-covered services. The signed waiver confirms that the beneficiary has agreed in advance to be financially responsible for any portion of the encounter/service that is not covered. Providers must keep copies of all signed beneficiary waivers.

The Department of Defense may establish 3-D mammography coverage at some point, but we have received no indication this will happen in the near future.

If you need assistance, please contact USFHP Member Services at 1 (800) 585-5883.