

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §33-42-4**

## **§33-42-4. Limitations on conditions of coverage.**

No health benefits policy may require as a condition to the coverage of basic primary and preventative obstetrical and gynecological services that a woman first obtain a referral from a primary care physician: Provided, That for a health maintenance organization authorized under article twenty-five-a of this chapter, direct access, at least annually, to a women's health care provider for purposes of a well woman examination shall satisfy the foregoing requirement. No health benefits policy may require as a condition to the coverage of prenatal or obstetrical care that a woman first obtain a referral for those services by a primary care physician. No health benefits policy providing coverage for surgical services in a hospital inpatient or outpatient setting may deny coverage for: (1) Reconstruction of the breast following mastectomy; or (2) reconstructive or cosmetic surgery required as a result of an injury caused by an act of family violence as defined in section three, article two-a, chapter forty-eight of this code, when the person inflicting the injury was convicted of a felony, a lesser included misdemeanor offense, or a charge of domestic battery for inflicting the injury.