

Rep. Miller offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 204.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to require health plans to cover a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer.

Whereas, Three congressional bills have been introduced to enact the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007. These bills, H.R. 758, H.R. 119, and S. 459, would amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan or a health insurer offering group health insurance coverage that provides medical and surgical benefits to ensure that inpatient coverage (and in the case of lumpectomy, outpatient coverage) and radiation therapy are provided for breast cancer treatment; and

Whereas, The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act would end the practice of "drive-through" mastectomies, where women are sometimes forced to leave the hospital following their physically and emotionally difficult surgeries, even if they and their doctors feel they are not ready to go home; and

Whereas, This legislation would also ensure a right to a minimum hospital stay of 48 hours to any woman following a mastectomy. The bills do not mandate a 48-hour stay, but allow women and their doctors the ability to determine when women are able to go home following major breast cancer surgery; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007 to require health plans to cover a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.