

Breast Cancer Bill of Rights

*A*s the nonpartisan voice of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors and the people who love them, the SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE® ADVOCACY ALLIANCE believes all women in the U.S. have a right to timely, affordable, high-quality breast health services. Based on our nearly 30 years of experience in funding research, providing community education and working with women fighting the disease, the Komen Advocacy Alliance has created the BREAST CANCER BILL OF RIGHTS to protect the women we serve.

1. **EARLY DETECTION:** Every woman has a right to access breast cancer screening tools that may save her life.
2. **FINANCIAL STABILITY:** Women who are diagnosed with breast cancer have a right to fight the disease without fear of bankruptcy.
3. **ACCESS:** Breast cancer patients and survivors have a right to health coverage.
4. **TIMELY CARE:** Every woman who has an abnormal mammogram has a right to a diagnosis and treatment, if needed, without delay.
5. **HIGH QUALITY:** Every woman has a right to high quality care, no matter where she seeks medical services.
6. **STRONG SAFETY NET:** Uninsured women have a right to a strong breast health care safety net.
7. **RECONSTRUCTION:** Breast cancer survivors have a right to insurance coverage for full mastectomy care, including reconstruction.
8. **CLINICAL TRIALS:** Breast cancer patients who participate in a clinical trial have a right to coverage for routine health care costs.
9. **PATIENT EDUCATION:** Every woman has a right to make informed choices and take control of her own health.
10. **INNOVATION:** All Americans have a right to a government that invests adequately in innovative cancer research.

The Komen Advocacy Alliance needs your help. We have come far in the fight against cancer. Yet we still have far to go. Even after the valuable patient protections in the new health reform law are fully phased in by 2014, there will be gaps in access to breast health services and issues of quality care. We promise to protect our newly acquired rights and keep fighting until the entire Breast Cancer Bill of Rights is enshrined in law and extended to ALL WOMEN.

What will you promise?

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