

I cannot count the number of times I've been asked by patients, friends, even family members about what they should do about their increased breast density. This is understandable as the current verbiage of our breast density notification informs them that their tissue could hide a breast cancer and that it increases their risk but does not go far enough in telling them what they could do about it. Not all women with dense breasts need to undergo supplemental screening, but many of them should. The proposed stronger notification and coverage mandate for supplemental screening would expand access to women who truly need it, and also establish a reasonable reimbursement rate for these services.

