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Pennsylvania House Passes Groundbreaking Breast Health Equity Bill HB433

May 13, 2025 – East Hanover, NJ — In an historic move toward greater breast health equity, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed House Bill 433 (HB433) this week, with a vote of **198-5**. The bill eliminates cost-sharing requirements for diagnostic breast examinations, including mammograms, MRIs, and ultrasounds, when abnormalities are detected — ensuring accessible care for all Pennsylvanians, regardless of gender.

This legislation marks a significant achievement for breast cancer advocates, including **Cheri Ambrose**, Founder and President of the **Male Breast Cancer Global Alliance**, who began advocating for the bill over a year ago. Ambrose has worked closely with lawmakers and the Pennsylvania House Democratic Insurance Committee to advance this effort.

“This is a monumental day for breast cancer patients in Pennsylvania,” said Ambrose. “By including gender-neutral language and covering vital diagnostic tests without copays or deductibles, HB433 recognizes the needs of men with breast cancer, who are often overlooked, and ensures timely, affordable care for everyone.”

The bill also aligns state insurance law with updated guidelines from the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), which recommend advanced imaging for any suspected breast malignancy. These changes will take effect nationally in 2026, but HB433 accelerates protections for Pennsylvania residents.

Joseph Keller, Senior Research Analyst for the House Democratic Insurance Committee, confirmed the bill’s passage on May 12 and commended advocates for their dedication and collaborative input during the legislative process.

HB433 now advances to the Pennsylvania Senate for consideration.

About the Male Breast Cancer Global Alliance:

The **Male Breast Cancer Global Alliance** is an international nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to supporting male breast cancer patients, raising awareness, and promoting research for this often-overlooked disease. Through education, outreach, and collaboration with healthcare professionals and lawmakers, the organization strives to ensure equitable care for all individuals affected by breast cancer.

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