



De-Masking Density



The FDA soon will publish a national notification standard for women with dense breast tissue – nearly half of all women in the U.S. This welcome news was delivered by U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), the leading congressional voice on women’s healthcare.

Mammograms of dense tissue often look like a sea of white, masking suspicious lesions. In 2009, Connecticut pioneered a statute requiring radiologists to inform patients about density.

To date, 37 states have followed but these rules vary widely. Some mandate insurance coverage for additional screening; others require only generic information about density, not specificity about each patient’s tissue density. Rep. DeLauro, herself a

survivor of ovarian cancer, made density a legislative priority. In 2019, Congress directed the FDA to establish federal notification standards. Today, the Congresswoman announced that the **FDA will complete this work** by early 2023.

The Congresswoman, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, also announced plans for federal legislation requiring insurance reimbursement for breast imaging. The **Find It Early Act** would mandate insurance coverage – with no cost sharing – to cover screening and diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and breast MRIs.

DeepLook salutes this progress. It coincides with DeepLook’s plans to launch our first software product, *DL Precise*, which can see through dense tissue to help de-mask mammogram data.

And as her constituents in New Haven, we’re especially proud to call Rep. DeLauro our own congressional representative. Women across the nation owe her a great debt.