



## 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 followed suit 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 un-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.