

What you should know:

Breast Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

Most women with breast cancer don't have any risk factors. Any women can get breast cancer, but as you get older your chances increase. More women over age 50 get breast cancer than do younger women.

Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women.

Women with certain risk factors may be more likely than others to develop cervical cancer.

The good news is that the earlier cancer is found and treated, the better the chances are for living many more years.

The use of cancer screenings such as mammograms and Pap test has greatly reduced the numbers of deaths from breast and cervical cancer.

All women should receive regular recommended screenings for breast and cervical cancers.

You should check with your doctor for more information about when to have these screenings based on your age, current health and past medical history.

Early detection is your best protection!



North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program



About the Program

The North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up services to eligible women in North Carolina.

BCCCP services are offered at most local health departments, as well as some community health centers, hospitals and private physicians' offices across the state. Approximately 102 local health agencies currently provide these services to eligible North Carolina women.

BCCCP began in 1992. Each year, over 12,000 women in North Carolina receive breast and cervical screenings through the program.

Who is eligible?

Women are eligible if they meet all of the following criteria:

- are aged 40-64 for breast services and 18-64 for cervical;
- have a household income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level;
- are uninsured or underinsured; and
- are without Medicare Part B or Medicaid.

What services are offered?

-) Clinical breast exams
-) Mammograms
-) Pelvic exams and Pap test
-) Ultrasounds
-) Colposcopies
-) Breast and cervical biopsies
-) Medical consultations

Is assistance available for cancer treatment?

Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid (BCCM) provides funding for treatment to NC BCCCP enrolled patients who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. To be eligible to apply for BCCM, women must be enrolled in BCCCP prior to a cancer diagnosis as well as able to meet some additional criteria.

The Cancer Assistance Unit provides resources, service information, and financial assistance to cover diagnosis and treatment costs of all types of cancer for eligible men and women. The financial eligibility requirement is based on 115 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Other residency and medical eligibility guidelines must also be met in order to qualify. **Visit www.nccancer.com or call the Patient Line at 1-866-693-2656 or the Program Coordinator at (919) 707-5321 for more information.**

Need More Information?

For more information about BCCCP call **(919) 707-5300** or **1-800-662-7030 (TTY: 1-877-452-2514)** to find a local BCCCP provider near you.

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