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WASHINGTON BREAST AND CERVICAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The **Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program (WBCHP)** is a joint effort between health providers, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The program supports regular screening for breast and cervical cancer to detect cancer in its earliest stage so that it can be treated or cured. Being in this program is voluntary. You may drop out of the WBCHP and withdraw your consent to release information at any time.

You are eligible for the program if:

- ✓ You are age 40 through 64, and
- ✓ Your income is at or below 250% of the federal poverty level, and
- ✓ You are not on Medicaid or Medicare; or, you do not have private insurance (unless your insurance coverage has a large deductible).

The WBCHP pays for regular screenings of women aged 40 through 64. The screening involves:

- ✓ a breast exam and a breast x-ray called a mammogram;
- ✓ a pelvic exam and taking a sample of cells from the cervix (opening of the uterus/womb) called a Pap test.

The WBCHP may not pay for each of the tests your health care provider recommends. Be sure to ask your provider what WBCHP pays for and does not pay for. If the costs are not paid by WBCHP, you may be billed if you decide to have these additional tests.

The program makes sure that you get the results of your tests and helps you to understand them. You will also be reminded to come back regularly for a check-up, Pap test and mammogram.

If you have a breast or cervical problem, you may be referred to a specialist who can help you. The WBCHP will pay for most diagnostic services. Nine out of ten breast lumps turn out to **not be cancer**. If you are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, you may be eligible to receive treatment through the state Medicaid program. The WBCHP Case Manager would then assist you in enrolling in the Medicaid program after you give your consent for treatment.