

Each year in New Mexico ...

- 1,077 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer
- 207 women will die of breast cancer
- 65 women will be diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer
- 20 women will die of cervical cancer

Statistics taken from SEERStat 4.2 and NM Vital Records and Health Statistics

Since 1991, the Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program has provided screening services for more than 102,000 women, including:

- Nearly 157,000 clinical breast exams
- 95,000 mammograms
- 150,000 Pap tests

From 1991 through 2001,

- 568 cases of breast cancer
- 911 cases of CIS (cervical cancer in-situ), and
- 45 cases of invasive cervical cancer were diagnosed through the B&CC Program.

Contact Us

For more information about the **Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**,

visit our **website** at

www.cancernm.org

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505-841-5860

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Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

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If you know a woman who may qualify for the B&CC Program and you are not yet a provider, refer her to the **Program's toll-free phone number, 1-877-852-2585**, to find the provider nearest her who offers these free services.

What You Need to Know About the...

Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Information for Providers

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The **New Mexico Department of Health's Breast & Cervical Cancer (B&CC) Early Detection Program** provides free comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening services to low-income women across the state. The Program is funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and has been in operation since 1991.

Who Qualifies for this Program?

Women who ...

- Are at least 50 years old
- Have no health insurance, or inadequate coverage (high deductibles and/or co-pays, Indian Health Services coverage)
Note: Medicare Part B covers screening services. If a woman has Medicare Part B or Full New Mexico Medicaid, she is not eligible for this Program.
- Have an income below 250% of federal poverty guidelines

If a woman is younger than 50 but has had a finding suspicious of breast or cervical cancer, she may qualify for a Prior Approval. With this approval from the Program office, certain diagnostic procedures will be covered by B&CC even though she is younger than 50. To qualify for this exception, she must still meet the income and insurance requirements.

What Services are Covered?

A well-woman exam, which includes:

- Clinical Breast Exam
- Mammogram
- Pap Test
- Pelvic Exam
- HPV Testing (when necessary)
- Some Follow-up Diagnostic Procedures
- Case Management

What if a Program Client Needs Treatment?

If a woman is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer or a precancerous condition **through the B&CC Program**, she can apply for Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid (Category 052) through the Program office. If she meets this category's requirements she will then have full Medicaid, which will cover the costs of treatment.

If she is not eligible for this Medicaid category, there are a number of other funds that may help cover the cost of treatment, including the Anita Salas Memorial Fund. The B&CC Case Manager will help determine what appropriate financial resources are available.

Why Should You Become a B&CC Provider?

As a B&CC provider, you will be able to offer these important services to qualified women, and B&CC will reimburse you.

New Mexican women are particularly in need of this Program:

- 18.4% percent of New Mexicans were living in poverty in 1999
- 26.7% of New Mexican women aged 18-64 reported having no healthcare coverage in 2000
- Women accounted for 60% of the state's uninsured adult population in 1999

Statistics taken from US Census of the Bureau 2000; CDC 2002; UNM BBER 2000

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to learn how to become a
B&CC Program provider.