



Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts

The **Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts** (formerly known as the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program: BCEDP) is funded through a two-cent tax on tobacco products in California. This program aims to reduce death from breast and cervical cancer among low-income women in California by providing access to screening and diagnostic services.

NOTE: As of January 1, 2010, enrollments for breast cancer screening will only be available to women age 50 and older. Additionally, all new enrollments will be suspended until July 1, 2010. Women who enrolled in the program before January 1, 2010, will continue to receive services.

Who is eligible?

- Women 50 or over for breast cancer screening and women 25 years and older for cervical cancer screening. Women must live in California (have California residency).
- Women under the age of 50 who need a mammogram are encouraged to call the Cancer Detection Program for a referral. Some women age 40 and over may also qualify for a screening mammogram through the Family Pact Program.

What is the income limit?

- **Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts** is available to women with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level who are not covered by Medi-Cal, Medicare, or any other health insurance, or who can't afford their Share of Cost or insurance deductible or co-pay. This program counts the income of the participant, her spouse and any minor children in the household.

(Use until 3-31-10)

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR FAMILY?	Gross Monthly Income Limits
	200%FPL At or below:
1	\$ 1,805
2	\$ 2,429
3	\$ 3,052
4	\$ 3,675
5	\$ 4,299
6	\$ 4,922
7	\$ 5,545
8	\$ 6,169
9	\$ 6,793
10	\$ 7,417

What does it cost?

- There is no cost to women who qualify for the program.

What is the resource limit?

- Resources are not counted.

Does immigration status matter?

- No. A woman must be a California resident.

What papers are needed to apply?

- After being pre-screened, the program will mail the participant the paperwork she will need to take to the provider. No other paperwork is needed. Income is self declared.

Where can women apply for Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts and how long does it take to get approved?

- Women apply through the toll-free number **1-800-511-2300**. The caller will be pre-screened on the phone, mailed some paperwork and referred to a provider in her area. If a woman is referred directly by her provider, she must still go through the pre-screening process by calling the 800 number.

What services are provided?

- Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts provides free clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams and Pap tests. Annual screenings and diagnostic services, as needed, are available to women 50 years and older (25 years or older for cervical cancer screening).
- For treatment, women may qualify for Medi-Cal under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program. Providers will assist the patient with an on line application to the state.

WOMEN MUST BE PRESCREENED TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM. CALL: 1-800- 511-2300.

How do women get services?

- By calling one of the providers given to them over the telephone or on the list sent to them from the toll-free number and making an appointment.

Does using the Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts hurt a woman's chances of adjusting her immigration status?

- No, using this program or other health services should not affect the woman's immigration status. The USCIS (INS) is supposed to look at the *totality of circumstances*: whether the person is working, his/her income and skills, how long s/he may have received a cash grant and for what purposes and what the person's *future* looks like.

What can a woman do if she has a problem getting services from Cancer Detection Programs: Every Woman Counts?

- Call the toll free number and complain or call the **Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles: 1-800-896-3203**.