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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.

Who is eligible?

- Women 40 or over for breast cancer screening and women 25 years and older for cervical cancer screening. Women must live in California (have California residency).
- Individuals with symptoms at any age, regardless of gender, may qualify for breast diagnostic services.

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 (SOC) or insurance deductible or co-pay. This program counts the income of the participant, her spouse, and any minor child in the household.

Effective from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR FAMILY?	Gross Monthly Income Limits 200%FPL At or below:
1	\$ 2,660
2	\$ 3,608
3	\$ 4,554
4	\$ 5,500
5	\$ 6,448
6	\$ 7,394
Additional person added:	\$ 948

What does it cost?

- There is no cost for those who qualify for the program.

What is the resource limit?

- Resources are not counted.

Does immigration status matter?

- No. The individual must be a California resident.

What papers are needed to apply?

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

Where can individuals apply for BCCTP, and how long does it take to get approved?

- 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 their area.

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 40 years and older (25 years or older for cervical cancer screening).
- For treatment, individuals may qualify for Medi-Cal under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program. Providers will assist the patient with an online application to the state.

How do women get services?

- Women can be prescreened to enroll by calling 1 (800) 511-2300.

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 individual's immigration status.

What can an individual do if they have difficulty accessing services from Cancer Detection Programs, such as Every Woman Counts?

- Call the toll-free number and complain or call the **Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles: 1-800-896-3202**.