

Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment

FACTSHEET

Status:

- 48,139 Arkansan women are eligible to access BreastCare for screening and early detection of breast and cervical cancer. BreastCare treats 13% of breast cancers and 20% of cervical cancers among Arkansas women each year.
- The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), the American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend women ages 40 and older receive a screening mammogram every 1 – 2 years.
- National groups (CDC and USPSTF) also recommend screening for cervical cancer in women within 3 years of onset of sexual activity or by the age of 21 (whichever comes first).

Program:

The requested \$2.5M per year for State Medicaid Match will allow for a continuation of breast and cervical cancer treatment from Arkansas Department of Human Services (ADHS) for BreastCare clients.

Impact:

- Reduce morbidity and mortality from breast and cervical cancers through screening, diagnosing and treating uninsured or underinsured Arkansas women ages 40 and older, who are income eligible.
- BreastCare will be able to continue to refer women for treatment who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.
- It will also save treatment dollars of up to \$225,000 per case of breast cancer (Stage I vs. Stage IV) and \$30,000 per case of cervical cancer (pre-cancerous vs. Stage IV cervical cancer).
- For every State dollar that is invested in this Medicaid Match category, \$4 are matched by Federal funds.

How it Works:

- BreastCare certifies eligibility of women for treatment through confirmation of diagnosis, citizenship and income. Clients are enrolled in a special category of Medicaid for the duration of their treatment. After treatment is completed, women are re-enrolled in BreastCare for regular screening and further diagnosis.

Administration/Oversight: The ADHS Division of Medical Services will administer these funds. BreastCare, a program of the Arkansas Department of Health, currently provides screening and early diagnosis of breast and cervical cancers through a program funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and tobacco tax dollars funded by the Arkansas General Assembly. Funds to support these services will be appropriated by the Arkansas General Assembly to Arkansas Medicaid. Arkansas Medicaid is conducted as a partnership between the state and federal government. The program is overseen by the Arkansas Department of Human Services and the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

