



**District Health
Department #10**
Healthy People, Healthy Communities



DHD#10 AND MDHHS ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SEEK REGULAR BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENINGS

BC3NP Program Assistance Available for Low-Income Residents



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May 13, 2024 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) recognizes National Women’s Health Week (NHW) by joining the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to encourage residents to seek preventative healthcare practices such as regular breast and cervical cancer screenings.

NHW runs from May 12-18, 2024. This year’s theme is **Empowering Women, Cultivating Health: Celebrating Voices, Wellness, and Resilience**, and DHD#10 and MDHHS want to empower women to get screened for breast and cervical cancer by promoting MDHHS’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP).

MDHHS estimates that in 2024 alone, 9,410 Michigan women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. MDHHS also includes that people of color, people with low income, and people with no health insurance or personal healthcare provider, are less likely to be up-to-date with screenings.

MDHHS’s BC3NP is designed to help low-income, eligible residents receive breast and cervical cancer screenings (mammograms and pap tests), and follow-up care, if needed.

“BC3NP is available for women ages 21-64,” said DHD#10 Community Health Program Supervisor Caitlin Cameron. “If a breast and/or cervical anomaly is identified from the screening, then she would be referred to a community healthcare provider for follow-up. The best part is that under BC3NP, over 75 different diagnostic services are provided free of cost for the patient.”

In the event a breast or cervical cancer diagnosis is identified through the BC3NP program, women may be eligible for a special Medicaid coverage. If eligible, Medicaid will pay for all of her medical expenses for as long as she is being treated. According to Cameron, “The cost of treatment is a significant barrier for many women and can result in a delay in screening. The Medicaid Treatment Act eliminates that barrier and supports women in their course of treatment, increasing health outcomes.”

To see if you meet income eligibility requirements for the BC3NP program, please visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/chronicdiseases/cancer/bc3np>.

To schedule a breast or cervical screening, or for more information on screenings or BC3NP, please call 888-217-3904.

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