

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program

Macon County Public Health offers the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NC BCCCP). This program provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up to eligible women in North Carolina. Our Program Manager is a Registered Nurse who will work in cooperation with you and physicians, hospitals, and other health care facilities to provide needed services.

North Carolina women who meet the following may be eligible for BCCCP:

- are uninsured or underinsured;
- are without Medicare Part B or Medicaid;
- are between ages 40 64 for breast screening services and 21 64 for cervical screening services; and
- have a household income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.

BCCCP eligible women may also be eligible for <u>NC WISEWOMAN</u>, which provides cardiovascular disease screening, and helps women to improve their diet, physical activity, and other life habits to prevent, delay, or control cardiovascular and other chronic diseases.

What services are offered?

- Clinical breast exams
- Screening mammograms
- Pap tests
- Diagnostic procedures, as indicated (diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, colposcopies, breast and cervical biopsies)
- Medical consultations

Is assistance available for cancer treatment?

Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid (BCCM) provides funding for treatment to NC BCCCP enrolled clients who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and who meet additional requirements. BCCM eligible women must be enrolled in NC BCCCP prior to a cancer diagnosis.

Minority Populations

Compared to other groups, there are significant differences in the rates of minority women who are diagnosed with breast and cervical cancers and who die from these diseases. NC BCCCP has focused increased recruitment and education strategies to prompt more African American, Hispanic, and American Indian women to get breast and cervical cancer screenings.