

## PRIORITIZING WOMEN'S HEALTH *'Put Health at the Top of Your List for 2021!'*

August 18, 2021- District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, especially for women needing cancer and health screening services.

During 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) analyzed data from all Breast and Cervical Cancer Programs nationwide to examine the impact of COVID-19 on low-income women receiving screening services. It was found that the total number of cancer screening tests received by women declined by 87% for breast cancer and 84% for cervical cancer during April 2020 as compared with the previous 5-year averages for that month. Screening disparities among low income, minority women were also already evident prior to COVID, and the pandemic intensified these disparities.

DHD#10 urges program-eligible women to take advantage of and receive free cancer and health screenings through the below two programs:

1. **The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP):** BC3NP provides free breast and cervical cancer screening services, statewide to low-income women. This may include follow-up care, if needed, if a screening abnormality is identified. BC3NP does not pay for cancer treatment, however, women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be eligible for a special Medicaid program that provides cancer treatment.
2. **The WISEWOMAN Program:** WISEWOMAN is available in select areas of the state and helps participants understand their chronic disease risk factors and make healthy lifestyle choices. Every participant receives a free health screening. A health professional will review the results of the health screening, and the participant will have the opportunity to work with a Health Coach. In addition, participants can choose to participate in several free support services, such as the Diabetes Prevention Program, Weight Watchers (WW) Take off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) or Cooking Matters.

Not sure if you are eligible for the BC3NP program? A family of 4 can make up to \$66,250. Check to see if you are eligible [here](#).

DHD#10 also offers to women diabetes prevention programs, tobacco cessation programs, birth control, sexual health services, and immunizations, including the COVID-19 vaccine.

To schedule a screening with DHD#10 or to learn more about the BC3NP, WISEWOMAN, and other services for women visit [www.dhd10.org](http://www.dhd10.org) or call 888-217-3904.

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