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The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin, President
West Virginia Senate
Room 227M, Building 1
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The Honorable Richard Thompson, Speaker
West Virginia House of Delegates
Room 228M, Building 1
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Dear President Tomblin and Speaker Thompson:

As required by West Virginia Code §16-33-7, regarding the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund, please find enclosed the annual report for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. This report is provided by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources through the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write or call GeorgeAnn Grubb, M.P.H., Director for the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, 350 Capitol Street, Room 427, Charleston, West Virginia 25301-3714, telephone (304) 558-5388, or e-mail GeorgeAnn.Grubb@wv.gov.

Sincerely,

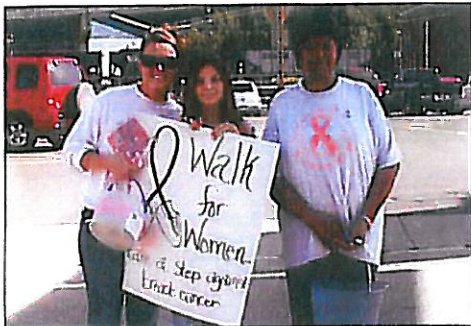
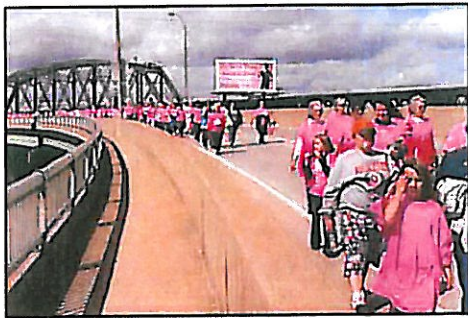
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West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund



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**West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund
Annual Report
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

Purpose

House Bill 4181, passed by the Legislature in 1996, established the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund for the purpose of assisting medically indigent patients with certain diagnostic and treatment costs for breast and cervical cancer.

Accessing the Fund

The West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund provides services to women through physicians, hospitals and laboratories. Applications may be obtained through the Bureau for Public Health's West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP). Prior to performing the procedure, the provider must complete the application and submit it to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. Applications are then reviewed and approved based on eligibility and availability of funds.

Should a patient be diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, she would then be eligible for medical coverage under Title XIX as a special option through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act, funded through the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services.

Diagnostic and Treatment Fund Eligibility

To be eligible for covered procedures, the patient must:

- Be a resident of West Virginia.
- Have income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Have no health insurance including Medicaid and Medicare.

- Have a condition strongly suspicious for cancer which requires diagnostic services to confirm the preliminary diagnosis or have a positive pathology report indicating diagnostic or treatment services are needed.
- Have been screened or evaluated for breast cancer, cervical cancer, or both by a WVBCSP contracted provider or a West Virginia licensed physician, hospital or laboratory.

Procedures Covered by the Fund During Fiscal Year 2009

Type of Service	Breast or Cervical
General Anesthesia	Breast
High-risk Mammograms for Women 40-49 Years of Age	Breast
Loop Electrode Excision Procedure (LEEP)	Cervical
Biopsy of excision of lesion	Cervical
Endocervical curettage	Cervical
Cryocautery of cervix	Cervical
Laser surgery of cervix	Cervical
Conization of cervix with or without repair	Cervical
Conization with LEEP	Cervical
Dilation & curettage – diagnostic and/or therapeutic	Cervical
General Anesthesia	Cervical

Financial Support for the Fund

State fiscal support for the Fund during Fiscal Year 2009 was \$400,000. The Fund's legislation also allows for supplementing state funding with individual organization or foundation donations or grants. Fund raising efforts have been generously supported by various community groups, medical providers and individuals. One of the most successful fund raising efforts is Walks for Women. Over 1,000 people participated in 19 Walks held throughout West Virginia during October 2008 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities. Fiscal Year 2009 efforts raised a total of \$101,937 for the Treatment Fund.

Legislative Appropriation:	\$400,000
Donations:	\$101,937
Total:	\$501,937

Fund Status

From July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund paid for approximately 4,888 diagnostic and treatment procedures for 2,331 patients. From fiscal year 1997 to fiscal year 2003, the Fund experienced increased utilization by women. In order to fully utilize all available funds for breast and cervical cancer screening services and benefit West Virginia women, the WVCCSP changed several of its policies to reduce expenditures from the Fund. The policy changes included moving breast biopsies from the Fund to the federal screening program. The Fund also began paying for much needed cervical procedures the federal program will not cover and mammograms for high-risk women between the ages of 40-49. The effects of these policies correlate with the data trends shown in Figure 1. For example, the decrease seen in 2004 is reflective of the Fund no longer covering breast biopsies. The growth seen in 2007 and 2008 correlates with the Program's temporary policy change to provide additional cervical procedures for women aged 18 to 24 years.

Figure 1. Number of women receiving services through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund from 1997 through 2009.

