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The Honorable William P. Cole, III, President
West Virginia Senate
Room 229M, Building 1
State Capitol Complex
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

The Honorable Tim Armstead, Speaker
West Virginia House of Delegates
Room 228M, Building 1
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Cole and Speaker Armstead:

As required by West Virginia Code §16-33-7(c), regarding the operation and status of the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund, please find enclosed the report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014. This report is provided by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources through the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Division of Research, Evaluation and Planning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Christina Mullins, Director, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, 350 Capitol Street, Room 427, Charleston, West Virginia 25301-3714, telephone (304) 356-4292, or email christina.r.mullins@wv.gov.

Sincerely,

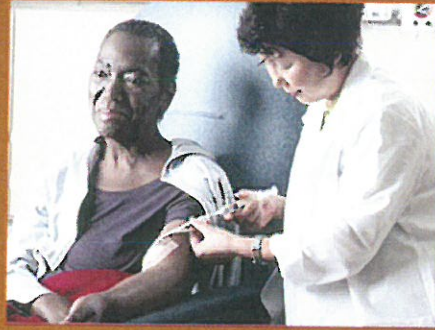
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WEST VIRGINIA BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT FUND

FY 2014

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**West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer
Diagnostic and Treatment Fund
2014 Annual Report**

Purpose

In 1996, the West Virginia Legislature enacted House Bill 4181, establishing the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund (WVBCCSP) for the purpose of assisting medically indigent patients with certain diagnostic and treatment costs for breast and cervical cancer. The Fund provides resources to offset the cost of diagnostic care not otherwise available to the WVBCCSP by the CDC.

Accessing the Fund

The WVBCCSP is administered by the Office of Maternal and Child Health (OMCH) within the Bureau of Public Health (BPH), and may include moneys appropriated by the Legislature or received from the federal government or other public and private sources. The WVBCCSP provides services to women through physicians, hospitals, and laboratories. Applications may be obtained from the OMCH. Prior to performing the procedure, the provider must complete the application and submit it to the WVBCCSP. Applications are reviewed and approved based upon eligibility and availability of funds.

When a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, cervical cancer, or certain precancerous cervical conditions she may be eligible to have her medical costs paid for through Medicaid. Once eligibility is assessed and granted, the woman is enrolled in the WV Medicaid Treatment Act (MTA), funded through the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS). This special option provides Medicaid benefits to uninsured women diagnosed with breast and/or cervical cancer and/or certain pre-cancerous conditions, while they are receiving treatment.

Fund Eligibility

To be financially eligible for services reimbursed by the WVBCCSP, a patient cannot be covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or other medical insurance, and must have an income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. To be medically eligible for diagnostic services, a patient must have a condition strongly suspicious of cancer and need diagnostic services to confirm a preliminary diagnosis. A positive pathology report is required to be eligible for treatment services.

Procedures Covered by the Fund during Fiscal Year 2014

Type of Service	Breast and/or Cervical
General Anesthesia	Breast/Cervical
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
Paracervical nerve block	Cervical
Pathology	Cervical

Financial Support for the Fund

Annual appropriations for the Fund have ranged from \$200,000 to \$400,000. In 2014, State fiscal support for the Fund was \$400,000. The Fund's legislation allows for supplementing state funding with individual, organization, foundation donations or grants. Two of the most successful fundraising efforts are Walks for Women and Quilts for Hope. Funds raised through Walks for Women and Quilts for Hope are donated to the Fund. Approximately 1,000 people participated in a total of 16 walks held throughout West Virginia during October 2013 as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities. Quilting groups from around West Virginia are currently working to complete the 2012-2014 Quilts of Hope project. Together, volunteers will spend thousands of hours completing quilting masterpieces. Each quilt will illustrate a message of hope in the fight against cancer and celebrates West Virginia's proud quilting heritage. Fiscal Year 2014 efforts raised a total of \$125,294.44 for the Fund.

Legislative Appropriation:	\$400,000
Donations:	\$125,294.44
Total:	\$525,294.44

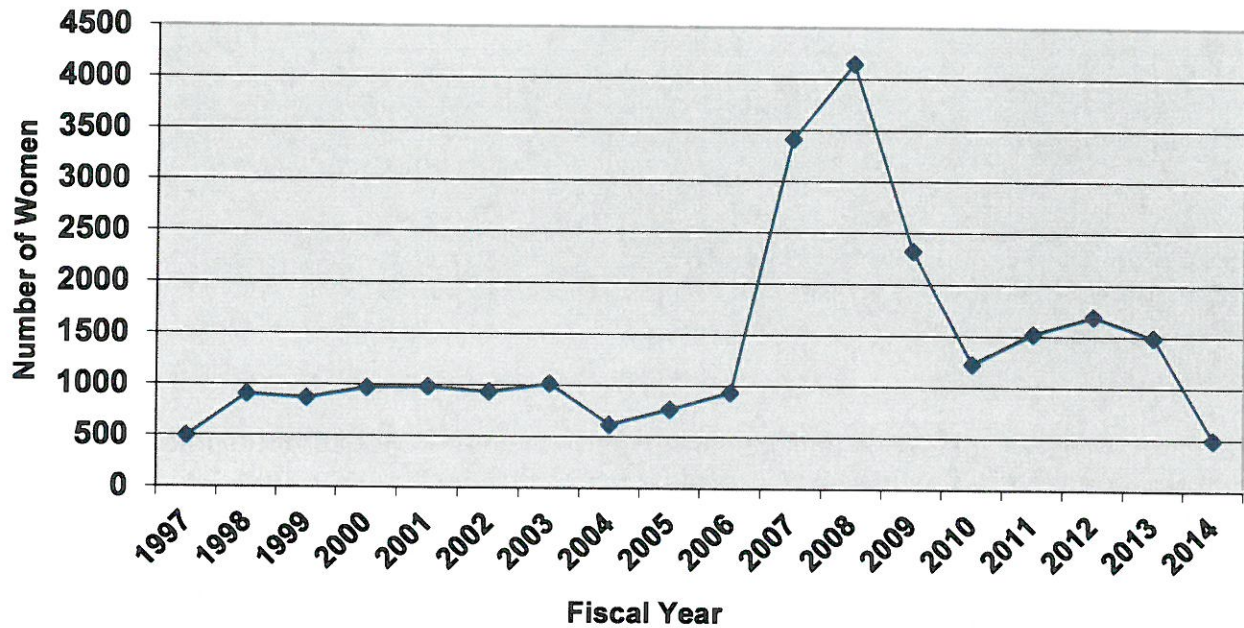
Fund Status

From July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund paid for approximately 896 diagnostic and treatment procedures for 503 women. Both the number of procedures paid for by the Fund and the number of women who benefited decreased significantly during this timeframe when compared to the previous year. The number of procedures decreased by 69.9%, while the number of women accessing the Fund decreased by 66.4%. During FY 2014, the average number of procedures provided per woman declined slightly to 1.8, down from 2.0 the previous year.

Between FY 1997 to FY 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 WVBCCSP 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 began paying for much needed cervical procedures that the federal program is not allowed to cover and mammograms for high-risk women between the ages of 40-49 (the federal program only pays for mammograms for women aged 50-64 years). 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 planned temporary policy change to provide colposcopy for women aged 18 to 24 years with a Pap test result of Low-grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesion (LSIL).

The impact of the Affordable Care Act is evident when looking at data for FY 2014. Numbers during the first part of the year remained comparatively strong, with sharp declines beginning in January 2014 when many people who would have accessed the Fund became enrolled in expanded Medicaid.

Figure 1: Number of women receiving services through the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund from 1997 through 2014



Conclusion

The West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund serves the important role of improving the health of West Virginia’s women. While the number of participants has declined due to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, data shows that women still need access to the Fund for medical issues. During Fiscal Year 2014, over 500 women were provided with potentially life-saving procedures. Since its inception in 1996, the Fund has provided over 60,000 potentially life-saving procedures.