



WEST VIRGINIA
BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER
DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT FUND

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In 1996, the West Virginia Legislature established the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund (Fund) for the purpose of assisting medically indigent patients with certain diagnostic and treatment costs for breast and cervical cancer. See West Virginia Code §16-33-7(c). The fund provides resources to offset the cost of diagnostic care not otherwise available to the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCCSP) by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The fund consists of state and federal funds as well as privately raised donations. Private donations are maintained in an account managed on behalf of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health (OMCFH) by the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. All patients benefiting from the fund must be financially qualified for assistance and are preapproved for treatment by a BCCSP Nurse Supervisor.

The fund provides services to women through physicians, hospitals, and laboratories. Applications are available from OMCFH. Before performing the procedure, the provider must complete the application and submit it to BCCSP. Applications are reviewed and approved based upon eligibility and availability of funds.

Should a patient be diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, that patient 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 DHHR's Bureau for Medical Services.

To be eligible for covered procedures, the patient must:

- Be a resident of West Virginia.
- Have an income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Have no health insurance coverage, including coverage by Medicaid or 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 BCCSP contracted provider or a West Virginia licensed physician, hospital, or laboratory.

In FY 2023, the program received 20 applications and 19 were approved. One application was not approved due to the patient being over the income limit. The fund continues to serve West Virginia's uninsured women through the provision of diagnostic and treatment services not covered by the federally funded CDC program.