

## Chapter 2 - Program Eligibility

1. **Female:** for breast and cervical cancer screening.
2. **Age:**
  - Ages 21-64 for cervical screening
  - Ages 40 through 64 for breast screening
  - Ages 65 and over may be enrolled for all screenings if they are not eligible for Medicare
  - Under age 40 increased risk breast screening and diagnostic services for suspicious breast findings
3. **Income:** At or below 250% federal poverty level (FPL).
  - Current FPL table located in addendum section
4. **Insurance status:** The client must **not** have insurance, or may have insurance with high deductible:
  - Does not qualify for Apple Health
  - Does not have Medicare Part B
  - Has insurance with high deductible (\$500 or more). BCCHP may be able to help pay for diagnostic services. The BCCHP office will check with the insurance plan regarding whether the deductible has been met **prior** to enrollment.
    - When the deductible has been met, bill insurance.
    - When the deductible was partially met, bill both BCCHP and the insurance.
    - Submit EOB (Explanation of Benefits) to BCCHP when it is available.

### 2.1 Special situations

1. **Clients ages 21 through 39 with breast symptom(s):** BCCHP will cover a clinical breast exam (CBE) - See section 2.2
  - Suspicious finding: BCCHP covers the office visit and further diagnostics
  - Normal finding: BCCHP only covers the office visit. Further diagnostics are **not** covered.
  - Program does cover treatment for mastitis.
2. **Transgender clients:**
  - Female-to-Male (FTM) individuals may receive screening for breast, cervical, and colon cancer. Refer to screening guidelines for each screening type.
  - Male to Female (MTF) individuals may receive screenings for breast cancer if the individual is taking hormones prescribed by a physician.
  - Services are covered based on medical indications and healthcare provider recommendations.

## 2.2. Eligibility for Women Ages 21-39

### For Breast:

- Women between the ages of 35 and 39 who are not eligible for Apple Health, and who have a breast symptom or a breast finding may receive breast services.
- For women ages 21-35, Please call BCCHP office to check for eligibility.

The program covers a breast work-up (diagnostic mammogram, ultrasound, or surgical consult) *only* when a provider notes an abnormal CBE finding as "suspicious for breast cancer."

- If diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, the client is eligible to apply for the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP)
- If the client's CBE is benign, the program does not cover any other breast services

## 2.3. Clients with a hysterectomy:

Covered services include:

- Breast cancer screening (CBE and mammogram)
- Pelvic exam
- Diagnostic testing, if needed
- Pap testing for:
  - Women who had a hysterectomy and the cervix remains
  - Women who had a hysterectomy due to a pre-cancerous condition (CIN II or III, or in-situ or invasive cervical cancer)
  - Women who have had a hysterectomy and the reason is unknown

We do not cover Pap testing for women who had a total hysterectomy and have no cervix, for reasons other than cancer.

The program does not cover men.

## 2.4. Take Charge Family Planning Program

### Background:

Clients enrolled in the Take Charge Program for family planning services who are ages 40-64 and need mammography services may enroll in BCCHP.

Breast or cervical diagnostics will be covered, if recommended.

- These clients are considered fully enrolled in BCCHP from the date of enrollment on the Exam and Reimbursement form, even if the only service they receive at enrollment is a mammogram referral
- Track Take Charge BCCHP clients in the same way as other BCCHP clients
- Take Charge BCCHP clients are eligible to apply for BCCTP Medicaid if diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer while enrolled in BCCHP

For clients ages 35 to 39, see section 2.3

**Procedure:**

- Complete the BCCHP enrollment and consent forms
- Write “Take Charge” at the top of the enrollment form
- Record the Pap, pelvic and CBE results on the Exam and Reimbursement form
- Do not mark a visit/billing code because Take Charge will pay for the women’s health exam (office visit, pelvic, Pap and CBE)
- Refer the client for a mammogram as you would with other BCCHP clients