


**THE PENNSYLVANIA BREAST AND
CERVICAL
CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM**



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TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

- ◉ Describe Cancer Burden in PA
- ◉ Briefly describe the HealthyWoman Program (HWP)
- ◉ Outline the eligibility requirements for the HWP
- ◉ Describe the services provided by the HWP
- ◉ Coordination for treatment with DPW's BCCPT Program

CANCER BURDEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

- ◉ Breast Cancer
 - Leading cancer site for females
 - 10,255 cases in 2008
 - 96% of breast cases diagnosed are aged 40 and over
 - 2nd leading cause of cancer death among females
 - 2,083 deaths in 2008
 - About 30% staged at regional or distant stage
- ◉ Cervical Cancer
 - 535 invasive cases in 2008
 - 166 Deaths in 2008
 - All deaths should be considered preventable

WHAT IS THE HWP?

- ◉ The HWP is a free breast and cervical cancer early detection program of the Pennsylvania Department of Health
- ◉ Intended to decrease mortality from breast and cervical cancer
- ◉ Providing breast and cervical cancer screening services since 1994
- ◉ Promote breast and cervical screening
- ◉ As of June 30, 2011 we have provided:
 - Over 105,000 mammograms
 - Nearly 90,000 Pap tests
 - Nearly 2,900 breast cancers detected or confirmed
 - Nearly 140 invasive cervical cancers detected or confirmed

WHAT IS THE HWP? (CONT'D.)

- ◉ Funded cooperatively by
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (federal funding)
 - Pennsylvania Department of Health (state funding)
 - Thanks to PBCC advocacy efforts approximately \$1.5 million reserved to serve women 40-49 years of age

WHAT IS THE HWP? (CONT'D.)

- ◉ According to the CDC there are 110,000 women in PA who are eligible for the HWP
- ◉ With federal and state funding combined, we are able to screen only 8-10% of the eligible women
- ◉ The HWP is not an entitlement program. We must compete with all states, DC, 4 US territories and 13 American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations for federal funding

WHAT IS THE HWP? (CONT'D.)

- ◉ Alliance of Pennsylvania Councils, Inc. is the HWP statewide contractor
 - Adagio Health (West)
 - Family Health Council of Central Pennsylvania (Central)
 - Family Planning Council, Inc (SE)
 - Maternal and Family Health Services (NE)
- ◉ There are about 150 HWP intake provider sites statewide

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HWP

- ◉ PA Resident
- ◉ Women 40-64 years old
 - Women under 40 are eligible if symptomatic
 - Women over 64 are eligible if not enrolled in Medicare
- ◉ Low to moderate income (at or below 250% of federal poverty income guidelines)
- ◉ Uninsured or underinsured
 - Underinsured means insurance does not cover breast and cervical services offered by the HWP; unable to pay co-payment or deductible

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HWP

- ◉ Free clinical breast exams and mammograms
- ◉ Free pelvic exams and Pap tests
- ◉ Education on breast self-exam
- ◉ Diagnostic services following an abnormal clinical breast exam, mammogram or Pap test
- ◉ Services are reimbursed at the Medicare fee established annually by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

COORDINATION FOR TREATMENT WITH DPW'S BCCPT PROGRAM

- ◉ If a woman is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the HWP, she may be eligible for free treatment through the Department of Welfare's BCCPT Program
- ◉ As of July 2008, the process for referring women to the BCCPT Program was enhanced
- ◉ To make access to the BCCPT Program easier, the HWP implemented "direct access" for those women diagnosed by a non-HWP provider

COORDINATION FOR TREATMENT WITH DPW'S BCCPT PROGRAM (CONT'D.)

- ◉ Women do not have to physically go to a HWP provider site if diagnosed by a non-HWP provider
- ◉ The woman and the non-HWP provider completes the HWP/BCCPT Program Application (PA600B)
- ◉ The non-HWP provider forwards (i.e. fax) the application to the HWP Contractor to be reviewed for completeness
- ◉ The HWP Contractor forwards the application to the local CAO in which the woman resides

QUESTIONS?



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