



Screening vs. Diagnostic

What's the difference?

COVERED BY ACT 1 OF 2023

Screening



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Diagnostic

No symptoms of breast cancer		Symptoms present or abnormal screening result
Women age 40 or high-risk women over 25		Women with symptoms or abnormality on screening needing additional evaluation*
Results typically available within two weeks		Results available at time of appointment
NO COST if insured under PA law		NO COST if insured under PA law when Act 52 is fully implemented**

*Mammograms for women diagnosed with breast cancer may be considered diagnostic for several years following diagnosis.

**Self-insured and federally regulated insurance plans, including ERISA and Medicare, are not subject to Pennsylvania state law. Many of these plans cover diagnostic breast imaging, but patients may still be responsible for copays and deductibles. Check your specific policy or ask your benefits administrator for coverage information.