



Technical Bulletin

Division of Public and Behavioral Health



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Topic: Expansion of Eligibility for Medicaid Assistance for the Treatment of Breast and Cervical Cancer

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To: Public and Private Health Care Providers and Office Support Staff

Public Law 106-354 authorizes Medicaid coverage to uninsured women under age 65 who are identified as needing treatment for breast or cervical cancer through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, known in Nevada as Women's Health Connection (WHC).

Previous eligibility language required applicants to *"have been screened for breast or cervical cancer by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)."* WHC is Nevada's CDC program. The inclusion of this requirement necessitated applicants who were screened by a non-WHC entity to be re-screened and re-diagnosed by a WHC provider before applying for Medicaid coverage. Updated language instead requires the participant must be *"enrolled and active in the Women's Health Connection program for breast and cervical cancer screening by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)."* This removes the requirement for potential participants to be re-screened and re-diagnosed before applying for Medicaid coverage which includes treatment for breast and cervical cancer.

In addition to standard Medicaid eligibility criteria, individuals who apply for Medicaid coverage under Public Law 106-354 must meet the following specialized eligibility requirements:

- Must have an income at or below 250% Federal Poverty Level;
- Are not eligible under any other Medicaid eligibility group;
- Are enrolled and active in the WHC program for breast and cervical cancer screening by the CDC; and
- Are found to need treatment for either breast or cervical cancer.

All Nevada providers are invited to refer patients meeting the eligibility requirements to the WHC screening contractor, Access to Healthcare Network (AHN), for enrollment into Medicaid. Please contact Access to Healthcare Network at 1-877-385-2345 to begin the enrollment process. To view an on-demand webinar detailing the enrollment process, visit <http://nevadacancercoalition.org/whc-medicaid>.

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