



Breast Cancer Screening Services Policy Effective August 2021

Women's Way provides a way to pay for annual breast cancer screening for women of low-income (up to 200% of the Federal Poverty level), who are uninsured or underinsured (whose health insurance does not fully cover screening or diagnostic services) and who have not screened within the last 12 months.

Women Ages 40 through 64

Eligible women ages 40 through 64 can receive:

- Annual clinical breast examination (CBE) and mammogram.
- Diagnostic tests or consultation as listed in *Women's Way* CPT code Medicare Part B rate list, if needed.

Note:

- A minimum of 75% of all *Women's Way* federally funded mammograms should be provided to program-eligible women who are 50 years of age and older and not enrolled in Medicare Part B.
- Mammograms for women ages 40 through 49 will be paid for with state funds unless maintenance of the minimum percentage is not impacted if the costs for these mammograms are shifted to federal funds. This would allow these screenings to be included in our screening goals.

Breast Cancer Screening for Women at High-Risk

- All women should undergo a risk assessment to determine if they are at high risk for breast cancer.
 - Providers can choose whichever method they prefer to determine if a woman is at high risk for breast cancer.
 - Women at high risk includes those who have a known genetic mutation such as BRCA 1 or 2, first-degree relatives with premenopausal breast cancer or known genetic mutations, a history of radiation treatment to the chest area before the age of 30 (typically for Hodgkin's Lymphoma), and a lifetime risk of 20% or more for development of breast cancer based on risk assessment models that are largely dependent on family history
- Women at high risk should be screened with both an annual mammogram and an annual breast MRI.

Other Ages – Women ages 21 through 39

Women's Way services are available for women between the ages of 21 and 39 who are symptomatic (includes a self-reported breast abnormality by a woman or a health-care provider documented abnormality) and who are low-income (up to 200% of federal poverty level), uninsured or underinsured (whose health insurance does not fully cover screening services).

Eligible **symptomatic women** ages 21 through 39 can receive:

- Clinical breast exam to determine if there is a breast abnormality including a palpable lump, bloody discharge, nipple inversion, ulceration, dimpling or inflammation of the skin.
 - *Women's Way will only* reimburse for a mammogram if a breast abnormality is found and documented by a health-care provider during a clinical breast exam. Abnormalities would include a palpable lump, bloody discharge, nipple inversion, ulceration, dimpling or inflammation of the skin.

- Diagnostic tests or consultation as listed in *Women’s Way* CPT code Medicare Part B rate list, if needed.

Eligible **asymptomatic** women between the ages of 21 and 39 who have been determined to be at high risk for breast cancer (see high risk definition) can receive:

- Clinical breast exams every six to twelve months.
- Appropriate screenings which may include annual mammogram and breast MRI depending on age.
 - Annual screening breast MRI beginning at age 25.
 - Annual screening mammogram beginning at age 30 or 10 years earlier than age of first degree relative with breast cancer, but not before age 30.

Note:

- Federally funded mammograms provided to program eligible women less than 50 years of age should not exceed 25% (10%) of all mammograms reimbursed for by *Women’s Way* federal funds.
- Women under the age of 21 will not be eligible for *Women’s Way*.

Breast Cancer Surveillance for Women with History of Breast Cancer

- Women who have known history of breast cancer may be evaluated through *Women’s Way* for surveillance if they meet program eligibility requirements.
- Follow-up of these women will be based on their provider’s assessment and depends on their stage of disease and treatment course.

Re-enrollment of Women Ages 21 through 39

- Uninsured or underinsured women ages 21 through 39 can re-enroll the following year only if they are currently in the process of follow-up for abnormalities found during first enrollment period or are at high risk and in need of a screening mammogram and breast MRI or in need of a Pap test as per CDC recommendations.

Breast Cancer Screening for Men

- Men who meet all program eligibility requirements, are eligible to receive breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through *Women’s Way*.

Breast Cancer Screening for Transgender Women

- Transgender women (male to female), who have taken or are taking hormones and meet all program eligibility requirements, are eligible to receive breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through *Women’s Way*.

Breast Cancer Screening for Transgender Men

- Transgender men (female to male) who have not undergone a bilateral mastectomy and meet all program eligibility requirements, are also eligible to receive breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through *Women’s Way*.

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