

Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Dear *Women's Way* Client,

Your treatment may be paid for by the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Medicaid carefully determines eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

This program aims to provide medical financial assistance for uninsured *Women's Way* clients diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer or pre-cancer.

To qualify for the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, your *Women's Way* local coordinator will verify your current status and make sure that you meet **ALL** the following eligibility guidelines:

- Be a *Women's Way* client **before** diagnosis.
- Be uninsured (i.e., Have no credible insurance or limited, specific coverage that would not cover this treatment. High deductibles alone will not qualify you.)
- Had at least one screening or diagnostic test paid for by *Women's Way*.
- Be diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer or pre-cancer requiring treatment. The date of diagnosis is critical and must be verified by your health care provider.
- Have a current gross income at or below the 200 percent poverty level.
- Furnish a social security number.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be a resident of North Dakota. Residency is established by a clear intent to reside in the state; presence is voluntary and not temporary.
- Be younger than 65.

If you meet the eligibility requirements above, you will be required to fill out a Medicaid application to determine which Medicaid program you are eligible for. You can do this by:

- going to a Human Service Zones local office (formerly known as the county social service office) or
- filling out the application online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/medicaidexpansion/index.html>

You will also need to complete a one-page Medicaid – *Women's Way* Application used as a referral for the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. You may also be requested to sign an Authorization to Disclose Information form so that the *Women's Way* local coordinator can contact your eligibility worker to inquire about the status of approval for your Medicaid application.

If approved for the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, you will need to be aware that:

- You will receive a Notice of Eligibility Determination letter and a card with your Medicaid ID number from the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services.
- You will need to provide your Medicaid ID number to send the bills to Medicaid whenever you go for appointments.
- If you receive any bills while on the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, mark the statements with "Send to Medicaid" and mail them back to the health care provider's facility.
- All out-of-state travel to seek treatment **requires approval** from the State Medicaid Office **before the trip is taken.**

Claims are filed against estates for Medicaid benefits received by recipients aged 55 or older when such assistance was received. See

www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/recovery.html

- You must promptly report changes regarding address, disability, change in income, or access to health insurance coverage.
- You must promptly report when your treatment has been completed. Completion of treatment includes quitting on your own or treatment deemed completed by your health care provider.
 - Report any above changes to your *Women's Way* local coordinator at 800.449.6636.
- You are no longer eligible for the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program if you:
 - Have moved outside of North Dakota.
 - Have obtained credible insurance.
 - Are no longer eligible for *Women's Way*.
 - Are no longer receiving treatment, including quitting treatment on your own.
 - Treatment refers to surgery or another procedure to remove the breast or cervical cancer or pre-cancer, receiving chemotherapy or radiation therapy, or taking oral medications to treat or prevent breast cancer from occurring again.
- **Due to the Public Health Emergency declared in 2020, after you have completed treatment, you will remain active in the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program unless you transition to Medicaid Expansion or Aged, Blind or Disabled Coverage. This is anticipated to remain in effect through the end of April 2023.**
- If treatment continues beyond the initial 12 months, you will receive a letter and a review form from the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services. The form must be completed and sent to your Human Service Zones local office. The *Women's Way* local coordinator will also call you to verify that you are still receiving treatment. If it is determined that you remain eligible for the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, you will receive a Notice of Eligibility Determination from the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services. If you are no longer eligible, you will

receive a closure letter.

- The month before your 65th birthday, the State Medicaid Office will send a closure letter to you stating that your case will close at the end of the month. You will also be informed that you may be eligible for regular Medicaid the month you turn 65. You will need to apply at your Human Service Zones local office to determine eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding Medicaid, please call the North Dakota Medicaid Customer Service at 1-877-328-7098. Make sure you have your Medicaid ID number available when you call customer service.

I understand what I have read and will report any changes related to address, disability, income, access to health insurance coverage, or no longer receiving treatment that includes quitting treatment on my own.

Signature

Date

