

Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Dear *Women's Way* Client,

Women's Way, North Dakota's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, pays for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services. The Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides medical financial assistance for uninsured *Women's Way* clients diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer or pre-cancer who are in need of treatment.

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.

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 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.
- Have a current gross income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Have a social security number.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be a resident of North Dakota.
- 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 www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare/medicaid/apply

You may also be requested to sign an Authorization to Disclose Information form so that the *Women's Way* local coordinator can contact North Dakota Medicaid Eligibility 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 receive a Notice of Eligibility Determination letter and a card with your Medicaid ID number from the North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services.
- You will need to provide your Medicaid ID number whenever you go for appointments so Medicaid can be billed.
- If you receive any bills for treatment while on the Medicaid Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, mark the statements with "Send to Medicaid" and mail them back to the healthcare facility that sent the bill.

- All out-of-state travel to seek treatment **requires approval** from the State Medicaid Office **before the trip is taken.**
- Promptly report changes regarding address, disability, income, or access to health insurance coverage to the North Dakota Medicaid Customer Support Center at 866-614-6005 or email changes to applyforhelp@nd.gov.
- Promptly report when your treatment has been completed to your *Women's Way* local coordinator at 800-449-6636. Completion of treatment includes quitting on your own or treatment deemed completed by your healthcare provider.
- You are no longer eligible for the Breast or Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program if you:
 - Have moved outside of North Dakota.
 - Have obtained credible insurance.
 - Have an income above 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
 - 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.
- If treatment continues beyond the initial 12 months, you will receive a letter and a review form from the North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services the month before the review is due. The form must be completed and returned by mail, email, or fax as designated on the form. The *Women's Way* local coordinator will verify that you continue to receive treatment by contacting your oncologist, healthcare provider, or cancer treatment facility. 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 & 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 to determine eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding Medicaid, please call the North Dakota Medicaid Customer Support Center at 866-614-6005. Make sure you have your Medicaid ID number available when you call.

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.

Signature

Date