

## Breast Health Fund

The Breast Health Fund exists due to monies that have been raised by the Superior Health Foundation (SHF) through the 31 Days of Pink, along with other individual gifts. Across the Upper Peninsula, it is a source of philanthropic funding/financial support to help minimize the out-of-pocket expenses for those who most need charitable support, for breast-care related bills, biopsies, procedures and ultrasound tests.

**Process:** The gifted money is to be used for the benefit of patients across the Upper Peninsula who have exhausted all other financial resources for breast health care. To qualify, breast health patients must “apply” for philanthropic funding for specific breast health care related bills and meet the following criteria:

- Submit the most recent copy of W-2 IRS form to the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department to substantiate income.
- Fall within the national poverty guidelines, of which the most recent copy is at the end of this document.
- Age 35-64 years old
- Underinsured or uninsured
- Approval by an eight-person review committee consisting of six Upper Peninsula Health Department Coordinators, a representative of the SHF Community Needs and Grants Committee, and the SHF Executive Director
- Maximum award being \$1,000

Those interested in applying are asked to submit applications to the six county health departments in the Upper Peninsula (see below). Funding will be dispersed on a first-come, first-served basis for those who meet the aforementioned criteria. Each county is guaranteed \$2,500 in funding.

For more information, visit the Foundation website at [www.superiorhealthfoundation.org](http://www.superiorhealthfoundation.org) or feel free to contact:

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Application forms are available at the following Health Department websites:

[www.phdm.org](http://www.phdm.org) (Public Health, Delta & Menominee Counties) = Delta and Menominee Counties

[www.wupdhd.org](http://www.wupdhd.org) (Western U.P. Health Department) = Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton-Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties

[www.chippewahd.com](http://www.chippewahd.com) (Chippewa County Health Department) = Chippewa County

[www.didhd.org](http://www.didhd.org) (Dickinson Iron District Health Department) = Dickinson and Iron Counties

[www.lmasdhd.org](http://www.lmasdhd.org) (LMAS District Health Department) = Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Schoolcraft Counties

[www.mqthealth.org](http://www.mqthealth.org) (Marquette County Health Department) = Marquette County

[www.superiorhealthfoundation.org](http://www.superiorhealthfoundation.org)

Superior Health Foundation, 121 North Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855, (906)225-6914

## 2014 POVERTY GUIDELINES

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guideline	250% of Poverty
1	\$11,670.00	\$29,175.00
2	\$15,730.00	\$39,325.00
3	\$19,790.00	\$49,475.00
4	\$23,850.00	\$59,625.00
5	\$27,910.00	\$69,775.00
6	\$31,970.00	\$79,925.00
7	\$36,030.00	\$90,075.00
8	\$40,090.00	\$100,225.00
Each Additional Member (Beyond 8)	\$4,060.00	\$10,150.00