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Immediate Release

BCCCP Services for Insured Women

Kingsford, Michigan – September 24, 2014. Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening physical exams are important for good health. As October approaches and we celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, please remember how important it is to take good care of yourself.

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department wants women to know that the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) is still here. For women with health insurance coverage, screening services are covered and can be done by your clinician. However, if you have seen your doctor for screening and have an abnormal result that requires follow-up, but cannot afford the deductible for diagnostic services, BCCCP may be able to help you. Please call the Health Department and ask if you qualify for BCCCP. With all the recent changes in health care insurances, BCCCP is still here to assure women have no barriers to receive the special care they need to be healthy.

Eligible women must meet generous income guidelines. For example, a woman in a family of four with a yearly gross income of \$59,625 may qualify. In addition, she must be a Michigan resident and between the ages of 40-64 years.

Un-insured women who meet the guidelines above may qualify for a free breast and cervical cancer screening at the Health Department. In the event cancer is diagnosed this person may qualify for the Medicaid Treatment Act which would provide full Medicaid benefits for the duration of the cancer treatment.

“Routine screening is the most important factor in cervical and breast cancer diagnosis” stated Barbara Peterson, BCCCP Coordinator. The BCCCP program provides women with access to life-saving cancer screening and treatment services.

Ladies, please schedule your exam today with your doctor or with the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department BCCCP at 779-7237 or 265-4166. Do it for yourself. Do it for those who love you.

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