

The South Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program: *All the Basic Info You Need to Know!*

What does this program do?

This program pays for certain women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer to receive treatment through Medicaid. *But, certain eligibility guidelines must be met in order to participate in the program!*

So, what makes a woman eligible for this program?

Any woman who meets *ALL* of the following criteria is able to participate in this program:

- 1) She has been found in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer or pre-cancerous lesions (CIN 2/3 or atypical hyperplasia). *(This diagnosis can be made by any health care provider!)*
- 2) She is 64 years of age, or younger.
- 3) She does *not* have any other insurance coverage that would pay for treatment of breast or cervical cancer. This includes Medicare Part A or B.
- 4) Her family income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. *Not sure what this means? Check out this chart.*

For example, if a woman is in a family with 2 members and that family's total income is less than \$25,660, then that woman is eligible to participate.

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$20,420
2	\$27,380
3	\$34,340
4	\$41,300
5	\$48,260
6	\$55,220
7	\$62,180
8	\$69,140
9	\$76,100

If a woman believes she is eligible to participate, how can she apply?

She should contact the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and ask for a patient application. She must include the pathology report from her doctor with this application to verify diagnosis. DHHS can be reached either:

- 1) By phone at 1-888-549-0820

OR

- 2) Through the Internet at www.dhhs.state.sc.us. Click on "How to Apply," then "Women Diagnosed with Breast or Cervical Cancer." (This is the DHHS website where anyone can download an application at any time.)