

Cancer Services Program



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- The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Cancer Services Program (CSP) oversees a statewide, comprehensive cancer screening program providing breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening for eligible, uninsured and underinsured women and men
- The CSP funds community-based partnerships to coordinate screening services in every county and borough in NYS
- Each year, the partnerships screen tens of thousands of women for breast and cervical cancer and men and women for colorectal cancer.

Reimbursable Screening Services

The CSP reimburses participating providers for the following breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening tests for eligible, uninsured or underinsured women and men:

- Breast Cancer Screening (Mammogram and Clinical Breast Exam)
 - Women ages 40 or older
 - Women under age 40 at high risk for breast cancer*
- Cervical Cancer Screening (Pap Test and Pelvic Exam)
 - Women ages 40 or older
- Colorectal Cancer Screening (Fecal Occult Blood Test/Fecal Immunochemical Test Kit)
 - Men and women ages 50 or older at average risk for colorectal cancer
- Colorectal Cancer Screening (Colonoscopy)
 - Men and women at high risk for colorectal cancer*

*As determined by a clinical risk assessment performed and documented by a NYS-licensed provider, per CSP protocol.

Reimbursable Diagnostic Services

Reimbursement is available for many diagnostic services including imaging, facility fees, biopsies, pre- and post-operative procedures, pathology and consultations.

NYS Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program (MCTP)

Women and men who are in need of treatment for breast, cervical, colorectal or prostate** cancer may be eligible for full Medicaid coverage through the NYS MCTP. Coverage lasts for the entire treatment period and includes medications.

- Clients must meet certain other eligibility criteria such as age, income, U.S. citizenship, New York State residency, and must not be covered under any creditable insurance at the time of application
- All eligible individuals must be seen by a Medicaid approved provider for treatment

** The CSP does not currently support routine population-based screening for prostate cancer. The CSP does not currently provide reimbursement for prostate cancer screening and diagnostic services.

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Public Education and Awareness

- The CSP operates a 24/7 toll-free referral phone line 1-866-442-CANCER (2262) has translators and refers callers directly to screening services, support services, legal services, and genetic counselors in their area.
- Print materials about various cancers (breast, cervical, colorectal, ovarian, prostate, and skin) are available through the NYSDOH Distribution Center. Available informational materials include posters, brochures, fact sheets and pamphlets. Publications in quantities up to 200 are available free of charge to New York State residents and organizations. Requests for materials can be mailed, faxed or emailed using the form and instructions found on the NYSDOH website at http://www.nyhealth.gov/forms/order_forms/cancer.htm

Professional Development

The CSP offers professional development opportunities and resources to clinical providers to ensure that CSP clients receive high quality screening, diagnostic and treatment services in a culturally sensitive manner. The following programs are a sample of available offerings:

- Statewide Grand Rounds “Eliminating Deaths from Cervical Cancer”
- Clinical Breast Exam Training: Improving technique and skills for clinical providers
- Mammography Quality Improvement interactive Continuing Medical Education-based DVD
- Colorectal Cancer Professional Education
- Cultural Competency training

For additional information about the CSP, and information about how to access professional development opportunities and public education resources, please call (518) 474-1222. To find a CSP screening program near you call 1-866-442-CANCER (2262) or visit the NYSDOH website at <http://www.health.ny.gov/nysdoh/cancer/center/partnerships>

Cancer Screening Quick Facts

- More than 30% of New Yorkers are not up-to-date with their colorectal cancer screening.
- 1 in 5 New York women are not up-to-date with their mammography screening.
- The Pap test has reduced cervical cancer rates dramatically since it was first introduced in the United States 65 years ago.
- At least 6 of every 10 deaths from colon cancer could be prevented if every adult 50 years and older got tested regularly.
- Adults 18-64 years old with *no health insurance* at all in the past 12 months were 7 times more likely to skip medical care for cost reasons, compared with those continuously insured.