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Women's Health Check Program Provides FREE Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings for Eligible Women

EASTERN IDAHO – The Women's Health Check (WHC) program offered through Eastern Idaho Public Health District provides FREE breast and cervical cancer screening services to low income women without health insurance. This year, the health district has received funding to serve approximately 400 women in our area. So far, only 155 women have taken advantage of the FREE WHC services.

All women are at risk for breast cancer. And, the risk increases as women get older. "In the last six months, the Women's Health Check program has provided potentially life-saving treatment for eight Eastern Idaho women. All eight of these women had breast cancer diagnosed through the WHC program and then received treatment through the Breast and Cervical Medicaid program," stated Pat Fletcher, RN, WHC Program Coordinator at Eastern Idaho Public Health District. "Even though breast cancer is one of the leading causes of death for women, chances of survival increase when the cancer is caught and treated early."

To qualify for the WHC program, women must:

1. meet age requirements;
2. be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. resident of at least five years;
3. have no health insurance that covers mammograms or cervical cancer screenings or no Medicare Part B; and
4. meet income requirement of earnings less than \$21,660 a year if single; or an additional \$7,480 for every family member

Women who meet the eligibility guidelines are encouraged to learn more about this potentially life-saving program that is provided to women free of charge. This includes previous WHC clients who have not received services in the last year. For more information about the Women's Health Check Program, please call 533-3209.

(Editor's Note: Complete Women's Health Check Eligibility Guidelines are attached.)



Women's Health Check

Free Pap test, breast exam, and mammogram for qualifying women

Coordinated by: Eastern Idaho Public Health District
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Services available through the provider of your choice

QUALIFICATIONS

Women Must Meet All Four Qualifications

1. Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident at least five years
2. Have no health insurance that covers Pap tests or mammograms or no Medicare Part B
3. Have income that does not exceed the following limits:

Family Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1 person	\$21,660	\$1,805
2 people	\$29,140	\$2,428
3 people	\$36,620	\$3,052
4 people	\$44,100	\$3,675
For each additional person add	\$7,480	\$623

4. Meet age requirements
 - Age 40+ for Pap test
 - Age 50+ for Pap test and mammogram
 - Age 30+ uninsured, if abnormal Pap test or breast symptoms