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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 (EIPHD) provides FREE breast and cervical cancer screening services to low income women who do not have health insurance. This year, the health district has received funding to serve approximately 400 women in our area. So far, only 234 women have taken advantage of the FREE WHC services. EIPHD has funding through June to serve 166 more women in need.

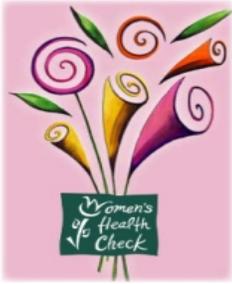
To qualify for the WHC program, women must:

1. meet age requirements;
2. be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. resident at least five years;
3. have no health insurance that covers mammograms or Pap tests or no Medicare Part B; and
4. meet income requirement of earnings less than \$21,780 a year if single; or an additional \$7,640 for every family member

"In the last nine months, the WHC program has provided potentially life-saving treatment for nine Eastern Idaho women. All nine of these women had breast cancer or cervical pre-cancer diagnosed and treated through the program," stated Pat Fletcher, RN, WHC Program Coordinator at Eastern Idaho Public Health District. "Chances of survival increase when the cancer is caught and treated early."

Women who meet the eligibility guidelines are encouraged to learn more about this potentially life-saving program that is offered to women free of charge at the provider of their choice. 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

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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. 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

4. Have income that does not exceed the following limits:

Family Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1 person	\$21,780	\$1,815
2 people	\$29,420	\$2,452
3 people	\$37,060	\$3,088
4 people	\$44,700	\$3,725
For each additional person add	\$7,640	\$637

Services available through the provider of client's choice.