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FLORIDA BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM REMINDS RESIDENTS THAT EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Pensacola, Fla. – The Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP) reminds residents that early detection saves lives. The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia), Okaloosa County (FDOH-Okaloosa), and Santa Rosa County (FDOH-Santa Rosa) encourages residents to call the FBCCEDP to see if you qualify for free or low-cost services.

FDOH-Escambia

850-595-6500 x 1202

HealthyEscambia.com

FDOH-Okaloosa

850-833-9246

HealthyOkaloosa.com

FDOH-Santa Rosa

850-983-5200 option 3

SantaRosa.FloridaHealth.gov

According to the American Cancer Society, mammography is the single most effective method of early detection since it can identify cancer several years before physical symptoms develop. Through the FBCCEDP, breast and cervical cancer screening exams, including mammograms and pap smears, are provided to uninsured and underinsured women ages 50 to 64 who meet income guidelines and are Florida residents. Diagnostic tests are provided as necessary.

The FBCCEDP provides women with a no cost examination from a qualified clinician. A breast exam, pelvic and pap smear is free of charge to all women who qualify. After the exam, the women are referred to an outside agency for additional screening or, if needed, for a diagnostic mammogram. Those women enrolled in the program who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be eligible to receive Medicaid. In 2019, 492 referral services were provided for women in Escambia, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties.

To be eligible for the FBCCEDP, the following conditions must be met:

- Women 50 to 64 years*
- Florida resident
- Meet income guidelines, at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) based on the current [FPL guidelines](#)
- Does not have Medicaid or Medicare
- Does not have insurance or underinsured
- *Exceptions: Women under 50 with personal history of breast cancer, first degree family history of breast cancer or breast symptoms, such as lump, pain or discharge, can qualify for program services if residency, income and insurance criteria are also met.

For questions about the FBCCEDP and to see if you qualify for free or low-cost services, contact FDOH-Escambia at 850-595-6500 x 1202 or FDOH-Okaloosa at 850-833-9246 or FDOH-Santa Rosa at 850-983-5200 option 3.

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