



Community Health and Emergency Services is now the lead agency in the southern seven counties for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, also known as IBCCP. Our goal is to reduce barriers that prevent women from being screened and/or treated for breast or cervical cancers, provide medical exams, diagnostics and client navigation throughout the treatment process. Implementation of these measures will result in a decrease in the number of cancer related deaths and negative outcomes.

We are sending you this letter with the hope that you will unite with us in making this goal a reality, by becoming a member of our coalition. As a member, we would ask that you attend quarterly meetings to discuss ways to reduce these barriers and reach the community more effectively. This includes:

- Identifying priority populations for our services
- Develop outreach plans to target these individuals
- Promote and conduct educational outreach events

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join our coalition, and we look forward to working with you to promote breast and cervical cancer screenings in our area. Our first scheduled meeting will be in March. If agreeable, or if you have additional questions, contact either Chris Morgan or Chelsea Rentfro at (618) 734-4400. Or email to cmorgan@chesi.org or crentfro@chesi.org. We have also enclosed more information about the Illinois Breast and Cervical Program.

Sincerely,

Chris Morgan, RN, DON, IBCCP Coordinator, Chelsea Rentfro, LPN, IBCCP Case Manager



Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP)

The Basics

1. What is IBCCP?

IBCCP is a state and federally funded program that pays for screening and diagnosis of breast and cervical cancer for those who do not have insurance or those who do have insurance but must meet a high deductible before any breast/cervical cancer screenings are covered.

2. Who qualifies?

Any Illinois woman between the ages of 35-64 for cervical cancer screening/diagnostics

Any Illinois woman between the ages of 40-64 for breast cancer screening/diagnostics

Some Illinois men, under certain circumstances

Younger Illinois women if they are symptomatic (ex: abnormal PAP)

3. What if a person finds out they need cancer treatment?

If a person is uninsured and is found to need treatment, IBCCP will help them get a medical card. Anyone who is uninsured and is found to have cancer through our program qualifies for Medicaid and will be fast tracked into the Medicaid program by IBCCP staff.

4. How do I sign up?

Contact Chelsea Rentfro or Chris Morgan at:

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