

**320-C - BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM**

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**I. PURPOSE**

This Policy establishes requirements for the coverage of Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment for eligible individuals who qualified and are enrolled with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) pursuant to A.A.C. Title 9, Article 20. Screening Services.

**II. DEFINITIONS****ARIZONA – NATIONAL  
BREAST AND CERVICAL  
CANCER EARLY  
DETECTION PROGRAM  
(AZ-NBCCEDP)**

An Arizona program that provides breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnosis as specified in A.A.C. R9-22-2001.

**BREAST AND CERVICAL  
TREATMENT PROGRAM  
(BCCTP)**

Eligible individuals under the Title XIX expansion program for women with income up to 250% of the FPL, who are diagnosed with and need treatment for breast and/or cervical cancer or cervical lesions and are not eligible for other Title XIX programs providing full Title XIX services. Qualifying individuals cannot have other creditable health insurance coverage, including Medicare.

**CRYOTHERAPY**

The destruction of abnormal tissue using an extremely cold temperature.

**LOOP ELECTROSURGICAL  
EXCISION PROCEDURE  
(LEEP)**

Procedure that passes an electric current through a thin wire loop (A.A.C. R9-22-2001).

**PEER-REVIEWED STUDY**

Prior to publication, a medical study that has been subjected to the review of medical experts who:

1. Have expertise in the subject matter of the study,
2. Evaluate the science and methodology of the study,
3. Are selected by the editorial staff of the publication,
4. Review the study without knowledge of the identity or qualifications of the author, and
5. Are published in the United States (U.S.).

**WELL WOMAN HEALTH  
CHECK PROGRAM  
(WWHP)**

Administered by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), the Well Woman Health Check Program (WWHP) is one of the programs within Arizona National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program AZ-NBCCEDP that provides breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnosis to uninsured and underinsured women in Arizona.

**III. POLICY****A. BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM (BCCTP)**

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) is an established eligibility category under AHCCCS. The Native American Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment technical amendment that was signed into law on January 15, 2002, made it possible for American Indian women to qualify for the BCCTP coverage group even if they are eligible for health services from an Indian Health Service (IHS) or a 638 Tribal Facility. Pursuant to A.A.C. R9-22 Article 20, a woman who is made eligible for AHCCCS under the BCCTP receives the full range of AHCCCS covered. A woman who is eligible under the BCCTP is provided choice of enrollment with a Contractor. If a choice is not made a Contractor is assigned.

Requirements for the BCCTP specify that a woman shall be screened and diagnosed as needing treatment for breast and/or cervical cancer. The below Arizona programs of the NBCCEDP, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provide screening services; however, AHCCCS coverage is provided to all qualifying individuals, regardless of where they were screened as long as the screening is provided by a provider or entity that is recognized by the WWHP pursuant to A.R.S. §36-2901.05:

1. WWHP.
2. The Hopi Women's Health Program.
3. The Navajo Nation Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program.

**A. ELIGIBILITY AND TREATMENT SERVICES**

To be eligible for the BCCTP a woman shall meet the eligibility criteria as delineated in A.A.C. Title 9 Article 20.

Eligibility redetermination for the BCCTP occurs at least once a year. As delineated in A.A.C.R9-22-2008, a woman is not required to be screened for breast and cervical cancer through AZ-NBCCEDP at redetermination.

1. Breast Cancer - Eligibility for the BCCTP shall conclude 12 months after the last provider visit for specific treatment of the cancer, or at the end of hormonal

- therapy for breast cancer, whichever is later, as specified in A.A.C. R9-22-303. Treatment includes any of the following:
- a. Lumpectomy or surgical removal of the breast cancer,
  - b. Chemotherapy,
  - c. Radiation therapy, or
  - d. A treatment that, as determined by the AHCCCS Chief Medical Officer/Medical Director or designee, is considered the standard of care as supported by a Peer-Reviewed Study.
2. Pre-cancerous cervical lesion(s) - Eligibility for the BCCTP for a pre-cancerous cervical lesion, including moderate or severe cervical dysplasia or carcinoma in situ, shall conclude four months after the last provider visit for specific treatment for the pre-cancerous lesion(s). Treatment includes any of the following:
- a. Conization,
  - b. LEEP,
  - c. Cryotherapy, or
  - d. A treatment that, as determined by the AHCCCS Chief Medical Officer/Medical Director or designee, is considered the standard of care as supported by a Peer-Reviewed Study.
3. Cervical Cancer – Eligibility for the BCCTP for cervical cancer shall conclude 12 months after the last provider visit for specific treatment of the cancer. Treatment includes any of the following:
- a. Surgery,
  - b. Chemotherapy,
  - c. Radiation therapy, or
  - d. A treatment that, as determined by the AHCCCS Medical Director or designee, is considered the standard of care as supported by a Peer-Reviewed Study.
4. Metastasized Cancer - Eligibility and treatment under the BCCTP continues if a metastasized cancer is found in another part of the woman’s body and the metastasized cancer is a known or presumed complication of the breast or cervical cancer.
5. Re-occurrence of the Cancer - Eligibility is re-established after eligibility under this program ends if the woman is screened, and:
- a. Additional breast or cervical cancer is found, or
  - b. There is re-occurrence of pre-cancerous lesion(s).

## **B. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The AZ-NBCCEDP and its staff:

1. Direct any woman whose screening shows a diagnosis of breast cancer, cervical cancer, or pre-cancerous cervical lesion(s) to apply to AHCCCS for treatment. However, AHCCCS eligibility for the BCCTP cannot be determined until a positive diagnosis is confirmed.

2. Assist the woman with a Title XIX application.

A woman may apply for eligibility by completing an application for AHCCCS health insurance provided by National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program staff. The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program mails or faxes the application directly to AHCCCS, DMS after receiving a positive diagnosis.

MAIL TO	FAX TO
AHCCCS DMS 801 E. Jefferson MD 3800 Phoenix, AZ 85034	602-258-4619

3. Provide AHCCCS with a copy of the laboratory pathology report, showing the diagnosis and date of diagnosis.
4. Responsibilities for Reporting

This Program is unique that continued eligibility is primarily determined by active treatment and that this Program involves not only AHCCCS, but also ADHS and the CDC. The requirements for this Program have created the need for special reporting by Contractors or the FFS programs as follows:

- a. AHCCCS DMS shall be notified when active treatment has ended,
- b. ADHS shall be notified of:
  - i. Date the treatment began,
  - ii. Tumor size,
  - iii. Tumor stage, and
  - iv. Date treatment ended.
- c. The Process for Reporting Clinical Information and Status of Treatment:
  - i. AHCCCS DMS sends forms to the appropriate Contractor identifying which individuals in the BCCTP require updated treatment information. The Contractor shall complete the forms and submit them to DMS,
  - ii. For FFS members, including American Indian Health Program members, AHCCCS/DMS sends forms to AHCCCS/DFSM Clinical Administration area or the IHS/638 BCCTP clinic. AHCCCS/DFSM Clinical Administration or the IHS/638 BCCTP clinic shall complete the form and submit them to AHCCCS/DMS as specified in A.A.C. R9-22-2007, and
  - iii. DMS will acquire the information needed from the forms and then send the forms to ADHS.