

What if I Have Health Insurance?

Most health insurance covers breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings at no cost to the patient. This includes Medicaid and plans in the NY State of Health. Check with your insurance plan to find out what cancer screening services are covered.

What if I Need Health Insurance?

To enroll in the NY State of Health, call **855-355-5777** or find out more on their website: nystateofhealth.ny.gov.

Do You Know When to Start Screening?

Screening for breast cancer with a mammogram should begin at age 40 and be done at least every two years. Getting regular mammograms is the best way to find breast cancer early, when it may be easier to treat.

Screening for cervical cancer should begin at age 21 and be done every three to five years. Cervical cancer is most often found in females who have never been screened.

Screening for colorectal cancer should begin at age 45. Over the past ten years, colorectal cancer has been increasing in younger people.

Some people may need to have cancer screenings earlier or more often based on risk factors and personal or family health history. Talk to your health care provider about your risks for these cancers and the screening schedule that is right for you.



How Do I Find a Cancer Services Program?

You may also call **1-866-442-CANCER (2262)**. The call is free and operators are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are translation services for other languages.



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Get the Facts about the New York State Cancer Services Program



The Cancer Services
Program provides
breast, cervical and
colorectal cancer
screening at **NO COST**
to people who qualify.

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What is the Cancer Services Program?

The Cancer Services Program is a New York State cancer screening program. We provide **breast, cervical and colorectal** (also called colon) cancer screenings and follow-up services at no cost to people who:

- Live in New York State
- Meet the program rules for age and income
- Do not have health insurance, or
- Have health insurance with a cost share that makes the cost of screening too high



Why Should I be Screened for Cancer?

Cancer screening can save lives. Screening tests check for signs of cancer **before there are symptoms or problems.**

Screening tests for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer **can find cancer early, when it may be easier to treat.**

Cervical and colorectal cancer screening can also find abnormal cells or growths before they turn into cancer. The cells or growths can be removed, which prevents cancer from growing.

What Does the Cancer Services Program Provide?

The Cancer Services Program provides cancer screening, follow-up tests, support services, and help getting to treatment.

CANCER SCREENING

Breast Cancer Screening

- Ages 40 and older
- Under age 40 at high risk for breast cancer*

Cervical Cancer Screening

- Ages 40 and older**

Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Ages 45 and older at average risk for colorectal cancer
- Under age 45 if at increased or high risk for colorectal cancer*

**High-risk can only be decided by a New York State-licensed health care provider.*

*** If you are younger than 40 and need cervical cancer screening, the Cancer Services Program can help you find a health care provider.*

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FOLLOW-UP FOR ABNORMAL TESTS

If a screening test finds something abnormal, the Cancer Services Program will provide more testing, called diagnostic tests. These tests can tell if something is, or is not, cancer.

HELP GETTING TO TREATMENT

- If breast, cervical or colorectal cancer is found, the Cancer Services Program helps those who meet the program rules enroll in the New York State Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program. The Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program provides full Medicaid for the entire time a person is treated for cancer.
- Individuals diagnosed with prostate cancer by a Cancer Services Program-participating health care provider may also be able to enroll in the Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program.

Note: the Cancer Services Program does not pay for prostate cancer screening or diagnostic testing.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Patient Navigation

- Cancer Services Program staff can help you find transportation and other assistance you may need if you are having trouble making or getting to your screening appointment.

Case Management

- Cancer Services Program case managers make sure follow-up appointments for more testing are scheduled and that patients have the supports they need.

Links to Other Cancer Service Organizations

- Organizations throughout New York State provide support services to New Yorkers with cancer and their families. Call **1-866-442-2262** to find services, such as cancer survivor support groups and genetic counseling.