

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act (BCCPTA)

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-354) created the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP). The BCCEDP is administered on the federal level by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In Virginia, the BCCEDP is sponsored at the state level by the Virginia Department of Health and is also known as **Every Woman's Life**. The BCCPTA program provides for payment of medical services, including long-term care (LTC) for certain women *and men* with breast cancer or *women with* cervical cancer.

Men and Women aged 18 through 64 years who have been identified as being in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer by a provider participating in the BCCEDP can receive Medicaid to cover their treatment, as well as all other medical services covered by Medicaid. Those found eligible for Medicaid coverage as part of the BCCEDP program cannot have creditable health insurance that covers the treatment of breast or cervical cancer. This includes Medicare.

Individuals must have been screened and certified as needing treatment for breast or cervical cancer (including pre- cancerous conditions) by a medical provider operating under the BCCEDP and have income within the following limits:

BCCPTA Covered Group Income Limits - (200% of the Federal Poverty Level)
Effective January 25, 2016

Family Unit Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$23,760	\$1,980
2	32,040	2,670
3	40,320	3,360
4	48,600	4,050
5	56,880	4,740

Resources (money in bank accounts, cars, etc.) are **NOT** counted for the BCCPTA covered group.

The special Medicaid application form used for women and men who are screened and certified as needing treatment by a BCCEDP provider is only available through the BCCEDP. You will be given the proper Medicaid application and referred to the local department of social services for a Medicaid eligibility determination. More information about the BCCEDP (Every Woman's Life) program and how you can receive a screening is available on the [Virginia Department of Health's web site](#).

Men and Women diagnosed with cancer by a provider who is not operating under the BCCEDP are not eligible in under this program.

To be evaluated under for other types of coverage, a Medicaid application must be filed. An application can be filed online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov. Applications are also available online at http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/medical_assistance/forms.cgi, and can be completed and mailed/faxed/ or dropped off to the local Department of Social Services. You can also request a Medicaid application be mailed to you.

You can find the address and phone number for your local Department of Social Services at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/>. You do not need to visit the office to file an application.