

# Breast Cancer awareness



## Early Detection Works

### Breast and cervical cancer screening for Kansas women

A woman's risk of cancer increases as she ages. Breast cancer is the second most common type of cancer among Kansas women. More than 75 percent of breast and cervical cancers occur in women over age 50. Regular screening and prompt diagnosis can reduce illness and death from breast or cervical cancer.

### The Early Detection Works program offers:

- Health Education
- Screening
- Diagnosis
- Referral

### Eligibility

Effective Feb. 1, 2020, the EDW program will enroll Kansas women at average risk who:

- Are 21 to 64 years old for cervical cancer screenings
- Are 40 to 64 years old for breast cancer screenings
- Do not have health insurance
- Have this much family income or less before taxes (household size, monthly maximum income, annual maximum income): 1 - \$2,658/mo., \$31,900/yr.; 2 - \$3,592/mo., \$43,100/yr.; 3 - \$4,525/mo., \$54,300/yr.; 4 - \$5,458/mo., \$65,500/yr.; 5 - \$6,392/mo., \$76,700/yr. For households with more than 5 persons, add \$11,200 for each additional person. Spring 2020; guidelines updated annually.

### Unsure if you are eligible?

Younger than 21 for cervical or younger than 40 for breast health concerns. Call 1-877-277-1368 to ask about eligibility or find out what resources may be available.

### Enrollment

Enrollment takes five to 10 minutes. To start, call 1-877-277-1368. If you qualify, you will receive an enrollment number and be referred to a health care provider.

Your enrollment number is good for six months. Keep it in a safe place and remember to share it with your pro-

vider at the time you make your appointment.

### Screening Services

Services that the Early Detection Works program may offer qualified women include:

- clinical breast exam by a clinician
- mammogram
- Pap test
- HPV test

### What if something is found?

If a screening test shows a problem, Early Detection Works will pay for most follow-up tests to find out if you have cancer or a pre-cancerous condition. The health care provider will work with you to make follow-up appointments.

### What if you need treatment?

Women who are Kansas residents and diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through this program may be eligible for referral to KanCare (Kansas Medicaid). Other treatment options may be available for women not eligible for KanCare.

### Other Questions?

Call 1-877-277-1368

## My Survivor Letter

Emily Garnett

This is the first of what I am hoping to be many letters from those living with breast cancer to those who have been newly diagnosed. I use the term "survivor" as an all-encompassing one, to include not only those who have completed treatment, but for all of us who are living with this disease. I am starting this initiative because I want to create a dynamic community of voices of hope, courage, compassion, and support for those whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. If you are interested in contributing, please contact me at breastcancersurvivorletters@gmail.com.

Dear Survivor,

I vividly remember the first time the doctor said "cancer" to

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