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SCREENING NEWS

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Cancer Services Program News



There are some important changes in the Cancer Services Program Screening Partnerships beginning April 1, 2009.

In this month's newsletter we are informing you of important changes in the Cancer Services Program Partnerships beginning April 1, 2009.

Services will be limited to the target population of women age 40 and older and men age 50 and older.

In addition, provision of breast cancer screening and/or diagnostic services to women under age 40 at high risk for, or with clinically significant findings for, breast cancer will be covered under the CSP (details of this process are forthcoming).

Women or men at elevated risk for colorectal cancer (per eligibility criteria) are eligible for colorectal cancer screening.

Changes to the CSP eligibility for cervical cancer screening in this age group promotes recruitment and screening activities for women aged 40 and older, including those who are rarely or never screened for cervical cancer and therefore at greatest risk for diagnosis in late stages when treatment options are fewer and survival rates lower.

The CSP partnerships will continue to provide, for the eligible populations, outreach, case management and coordination of follow-up care for clients who require additional tests, provision of diagnostic services, recruitment of providers into the program, assistance with enrollment in the Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program (MCTP) and referral of appropriate clients to NYS insurance programs.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to the CSP and the women and men we serve. We look forward to working together to refocus the CSP to serve those at greatest risk for cancer.

Meeting Dates:

Monday, May 4

Monday, August 3

Monday, October 5

Monday, November 2

January, 11, 2010

March 1, 2010

*All meetings scheduled for
9:30-10:30 a.m. at St.
Mary's Hospital, Cafeteria
Annex*

General Fact:

According to the American Cancer Society, one-third of all Americans and two-thirds of low-income Americans are uninsured or underinsured at some point during the year.

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/subsite/accessstocare/content/General_Facts.asp

Big Screening Event!

The Cancer Services Program in coordination with Planned Parenthood and Bassett Healthcare Mobile Unit are offering Free Cancer Screenings at the Johnstown Planned Parenthood location.

Monday, April 27th

Screenings will be from 8:30 am–4:30 pm.

Pre-registration is required.

PLEASE CALL 770-7516 TO PRE-REGISTER.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY NEWS

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ACTION NETWORK WEBSITE <http://www.acscan.org> offers a search tool for “Who are your elected officials” and “Three Things YOU Can Do Today To Fight Back Against Cancer”.

Please feel free to visit their website for New York’s Cancer Services Program at <http://acscan.org/action/ny/campaigns/savecsp/>.

In lieu of the emerging financial public health crisis in New York, the American Cancer Society is urging the Governor and the Legislature to balance the budget to support women and men in need of cancer services.

The Cancer Services Program Partnerships (CSPs) provide a critical service to New Yorkers in need. The program offers breast, cervical and colon cancer screenings to low income, uninsured and underinsured individuals.

CANCER FACTS AND FIGURES 2009

WHO IS UNINSURED?

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY STATES THAT MORE THAN 17 MILLION WOMEN ARE UNINSURED.

Among workers, women are less likely than men to be eligible for and to participate in their employer’s health plan. This is in part because women are more likely to work part-time, have lower incomes, and rely more on spousal coverage.

Women are more vulnerable to losing their insurance should they become widowed or divorced, because they are more likely than men to be covered as dependents. Women are also at a greater risk of losing coverage if their spouse loses his job or if his employer drops family coverage or increases premium and out-of-pocket costs to unaffordable levels.

Employer-sponsored insurance provides coverage to almost two-thirds of women between the ages of 18 and 64.

<http://www.cancer.org/docroot/subsite/accesstocare/content/women.asp>