

## All Women Count! (AWC!) Program

### Each year in South Dakota:

- Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women.
- An estimated 680 women are diagnosed with breast cancer.
- An estimated 110 women die from breast cancer.
- Fewer than 25 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer.
- An estimated 9 women die from cervical cancer.

### All Women Count! (AWC!) Program:

- Provides low-income, uninsured, and under-insured women in South Dakota timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.
- Mammograms, Pap smears, and related exams are available at no cost to eligible women at more than 800 individual providers and facilities.
- The AWC! Program pays the providers directly.

### Eligibility:

Women who meet income guidelines, and are under-insured and are in specific age groups may be eligible for the AWC! Program.

### Income Guidelines (Before taxes):

| Number of people in your house: | Your yearly household income can be up to: |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1                               | \$25,760                                   |
| 2                               | \$34,840                                   |
| 3                               | \$43,920                                   |
| 4                               | \$53,000                                   |
| 5                               | \$62,080                                   |
| 6                               | \$71,160                                   |

Call 1-800-738-2301 (in SD only), for more information. *Effective February 1, 2021.*

### Insurance Guidelines:

Women who are either:

- Without insurance to pay for screening exams.
- Or, who are insured but cannot pay for the deductible or copayment.
  - AWC! would be the secondary payer.

### Age Guidelines:

Women in the following age groups, who are also Income and Insurance eligible, could be eligible for certain services:

- Age 30-64 for Pap smears
- Age 40-64 for Mammograms
- **Age 30-39 require pre-authorization through their healthcare provider.**

A woman can be eligible for the program until

- She turns 65 **or**
- The household income exceeds program guidelines **or**
- She acquires Medicare B or Medicaid.

### Services Covered by the AWC! Program:

- **Breast Services:** Screening Mammograms, Diagnostic Mammograms, Breast Ultrasounds, Breast Biopsies, and Screening MRI **(for High Risk Women Only).**
- **Cervical Services:** Pap Testing, Primary HPV Testing, Co-Testing (combination of pap testing with HPV testing), Cervical Biopsies, Colposcopy, LEEP, and Cone.

### How to Enroll:

- Call 211 and speak to our Health Navigator for more information on eligibility and services, and to enroll.
- To find a list of Primary and Mammography Providers: <https://getscreened.sd.gov/count/providers/>

**For more information on the All Women Count! (AWC!) program, call 211 or search our online database:**

- [helplinecenter.org/211database](https://helplinecenter.org/211database)
  - Try the following keyword search terms:
    - Cancer Detection
    - Disease/Disability Information

### Sources:

- South Dakota Department of Health: All Women Count!: <https://getscreened.sd.gov/count/>
- Cancer Care: Early Detection and Breast Cancer: [https://www.cancercare.org/publications/82-early\\_detection\\_and\\_breast\\_cancer](https://www.cancercare.org/publications/82-early_detection_and_breast_cancer)
- South Dakota Department of Health: All Women Count! Statistics: <https://getscreened.sd.gov/count/stats/>

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