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# ELIGIBILITY

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## Eligibility of *Women's Way* Clients

### Who is eligible?

Only women are eligible to receive breast and cervical cancer services through the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) and the *Women's Way* program as mandated in the federal 1501-A-1 Public Law 101-354.

### What is the priority population?

The *priority* population for *Women's Way* breast cancer screening services is women between the ages of 50 and 64 who have low incomes (up to 200 percent of federal poverty level), who have not been screened in the past year, and who have no other source of health-care reimbursement, such as insurance. Recruitment efforts should be concentrated on this population.

- The broader *eligible* population for breast cancer screening for *Women's Way* includes women between the ages of 40 and 64 who have low income (up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level) and are uninsured or underinsured (whose health insurance does not fully cover screening services). Once a woman is enrolled in *Women's Way*, the program provides breast cancer screening services at appropriate, recommended screening intervals.

The *priority* population for *Women's Way* cervical cancer screening services is women between the ages of 40 and 64 who have low incomes (up to 200 percent of federal poverty level), who have never been screened or have not been screened in the past five years, and who have no other source of health-care reimbursement, such as insurance. Recruitment should be concentrated on this population.

- The broader *eligible* population for cervical cancer screening for *Women's Way* includes women between the ages of 40 and 64 who have low incomes (up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level) and are uninsured or underinsured (whose health insurance does not fully cover screening services). Once a woman is enrolled in *Women's Way*, the program provides cervical cancer screening services at appropriate, recommended screening intervals.

### Who qualifies?

#### **A woman who qualifies for *Women's Way* services:**

- Is a North Dakota resident.
- Is between the ages of 40 and 64.
- Meets income guidelines at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see sample table below).



- Has insurance that doesn't cover Pap tests and/or mammograms.
- Can't afford to pay her deductible or copayment.
- Doesn't have insurance.
- Is not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.
- Is 65 or older and not eligible for Medicare, or does not have Medicare Part B.

**Who qualifies? (other ages – limited enrollment)**

**A woman who qualifies for Women's Way services:**

- Is a North Dakota resident.
- Is between the ages of 30 and 39.
- Meets income guidelines at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see sample table below).
- Has insurance that doesn't cover Pap tests and/or mammograms.
- Can't afford to pay her deductible or copayment.
- Doesn't have insurance.
- Is not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.

Priority will be given to women who have never had a Pap test or have not had a Pap test in the past five years or more.

The total number of women ages 30 through 39 cannot be greater than 10 percent of the local coordinating unit fiscal year screening goal. It is recommended that priority be given to women 35 and older.

**Sample of income guidelines:**

At or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level		
Number in Household	Annual	Monthly
1	\$21,780	\$1,815
2	\$29,420	\$2,452
3	\$37,060	\$3,088
4	\$44,700	\$3,725
5	\$52,340	\$4,362
6	\$59,980	\$4,993
7	\$67,620	\$5,635
8	\$75,260	\$6,272
9	\$82,900	\$6,908
10	90,540	\$7,545
For each additional person, add	\$7,640	\$637

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Income guidelines are updated annually. Contact local coordinating units for current income guidelines at 800.449.6636, call the state office at 800.280.5512 or visit the Women's Way website at [www.ndhealth.gov/womensway](http://www.ndhealth.gov/womensway).