



Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program Reaching Priority Populations Provider Guidance July 1, 2009

With limited resources, the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) has reduced the number of women that can be enrolled into BCCP from previous years. Many providers have spoken to BCCP about the challenges this brings when serving the women in their clinics and/or community. To help BCCP providers with deciding on which women to enroll into BCCP, BCCP has developed a guide for providers on Oregon's BCCP priority populations.

Oregon BCCP Priority Populations

BCCP identifies women age 50 years and older as those at the greatest risk for having a diagnosis of cancer, especially if they are:

- Women living in rural areas,
- Women of color,
- Women with disabilities, or
- Lesbian women

BCCP Goal – 75% Initial Mammogram to Women Age 50 and Older

The goal of BCCP is to provide screening opportunities for women who are low income or underinsured and who have been rarely or never screened. As required through funding awards that support BCCP, at least 75% of initial mammograms must be provided to women age 50 and above. Fiscal year 2007-2008, out of all clients served by BCCP who received at least one paid service; 47.1% were 50 and over.

BCCP Recommendation – Limit Mammograms for Women aged 40-49

To reach this goal for 2009-2010, BCCP recommends that providers limit mammograms for women aged 40-49 to those that report or are displaying symptoms of breast cancer or have a clinical documented personal history of breast cancer.

BCCP hopes that this helps providers triage clients more easily and increases the Oregon's percentage to that required by our funders. Reaching this percentage helps to maintain funding within Oregon for BCCP services. Thank you for your help focusing limited resources on the women at greatest risk of having a diagnosis of cancer.