



Breast &
Cervical
CANCER

EARLY DETECTION

Program of Alabama

The Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program is a program of the Alabama Department of Public Health aimed at providing breast and cervical cancer screenings for women who meet the following eligibility guidelines:

- ☞ Women age 40-64 (65+ if enrolled in Medicare Part A only)
- ☞ Women without insurance or who are underinsured
- ☞ Some high risk women under age 40 may be eligible
- ☞ Women who meet the income guidelines below

A woman who meets the eligibility requirements receives:

- ☞ A FREE pelvic exam and pap smear
- ☞ A FREE clinical breast exam
- ☞ A FREE mammogram (every other year)

If you are under age 40, call 1-877-252-3324 to see if you are eligible for screening services.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

(Effective February 1, 2018, until revised)

At or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level determines program eligibility.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly *
1	\$30,350	\$2,529
2	\$41,150	\$3,429
3	\$51,950	\$4,329
4	\$62,750	\$5,229
5	\$73,550	\$6,129
6	\$84,350	\$7,029
7	\$95,150	\$7,929
8	\$105,950	\$8,829

Each additional household member add \$10,800 annual or \$900 monthly.

*Based on DHHS Poverty Guidelines issued January 2018

**For More Information call:
1-877-252-3324 or
Stephen Jaye at
334-206-3336**

The Alabama Department of Public Health
ABCCEDP Website: <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bandc/>
Hotline for patients: 1-877-252-3324

January 22, 2018

(Patient's Name and Address)

Dear (Patient's Name):

I understand that you recently had cervical cancer screening through the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABCCEDP). It is good that you took the initiative to have cervical cancer screening done. Every year about 12,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and almost 4,000 die from it. The **good news** is that with regular screening, and follow-up of abnormal Pap or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) results, cervical cancer is the most preventable female cancer.

Screening and follow-up of abnormal results is very important since abnormal cervical cells can be detected early before they become cancer, or early when treatment is very effective. Almost all cervical cancer is caused by long lasting infections with certain types of HPV.

Since your Pap or HPV test showed abnormal results, we are concerned that you have not undergone the colposcopy recommended by your medical provider. The colposcopy allows the doctor to take a closer look at your cervix using a special lens that makes the cervix look bigger. The doctor can also remove tissue for a biopsy if necessary.

The Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program will cover the cost of your colposcopy, and if any type of treatment is needed, you may be eligible for free treatment through the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid Treatment Program.

I have enclosed an informational booklet produced by the Centers for Disease Control, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. This book discusses all aspects of cervical cancer, including what the abnormal Pap or HPV results mean, and the importance of having follow-up (page 6-11).

I'm writing to urge you to contact your medical provider to schedule the needed colposcopy. I wanted you to have the information you need to make a good decision for yourself. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you need assistance scheduling an appointment with your provider. I can be reached at **XXX-XXX-XXXX**.

Sincerely,

Name

Nurse Coordinator

Alabama Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program

Alabama Department of Public Health

Date

(Patient's Name and Address)

Dear (Patient's Name):

I understand that you recently had breast cancer screening through the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABCCEDP). It is good that you took the initiative to have breast cancer screening done since we know that breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women except for skin cancers.

Since your clinical breast exam and/or mammogram showed abnormal results, we are concerned that you have not completed follow-up recommendations made by your medical provider. Screening and follow-up of abnormal results is very important since treatment is most effective when the cancer is found early. It is important to remember that not all abnormalities result in cancer. The only way to know for certain, is to get the appropriate follow-up.

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2018, approximately 266,120 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; 63,960 with non-invasive breast cancer; and approximately 40,920 women will die from breast cancer in the United States. The **good news** is that with regular screening, and follow-up of abnormal clinical breast exams and/or mammograms, breast cancer can often be found early and treated when the treatment is most effective. The rate of breast cancer deaths in the United States has gradually declined by 40% in the past 25 years due to early detection and improved treatment.

I have enclosed an informational breast cancer fact sheet created by the Centers for Disease Control, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. Remember that the cost of your abnormal breast screening follow-up will be covered by the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, and if any type of treatment is needed you may be eligible for free treatment through the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid Treatment Program.

I'm writing to urge you to contact your medical provider to schedule the needed follow-up as recommended. I wanted you to have the information you need to make a good decision for yourself. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you need assistance scheduling an appointment with your provider. I can be reached at XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

Name
Regional Coordinator
Alabama Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program
Alabama Department of Public Health