

Early Detection Works Program

Providing Breast & Cervical Cancer Screenings to Low-Income Kansas Women



Breast and Cervical Cancer in Kansas

- In 2022, an estimated 2,410 women in Kansas will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 380 will die from the disease. Additionally, an estimated 100 women in Kansas will be diagnosed with cervical cancer.¹
- Cancers that are found at an early stage are easier to treat and lead to greater survival.²
- Uninsured and underinsured women have lower screening rates, resulting in a greater risk of being diagnosed at a later, more advanced stage of disease.²

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The Early Detection Works (EDW) Program provides low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women access to breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services, including mammograms, Pap tests, and diagnostic testing if abnormal results are found.

- In 2021, the EDW program served a total of 7,232 women – an increase from 2020 when 5,216 women were served and 5,074 women in 2019.
- FY 2021 & 2022 have seen an unprecedented demand for EDW services. As of January, 2022, 3,136 women had received screenings through the EDW program.
- **Starting March 1, 2022, EDW will no longer pay for breast and cervical cancer screenings unless supplemental funding is provided for the remainder of the FY 2022.**
- **To ensure Kansas women have consistent and adequate access to life saving screenings, we are requesting an increase in state funding for the EDW program for FY 2023 of \$1M.**

Need for Adequate Funding for this Lifesaving Program

Providing supplemental funding for the remainder of FY 2022 and increasing state funding for the EDW program in FY 2023 will preserve a critical safety net for Kansas women who continue to lack access to lifesaving cancer screening, diagnostic, and treatment services for breast and cervical cancers.

Call to Action

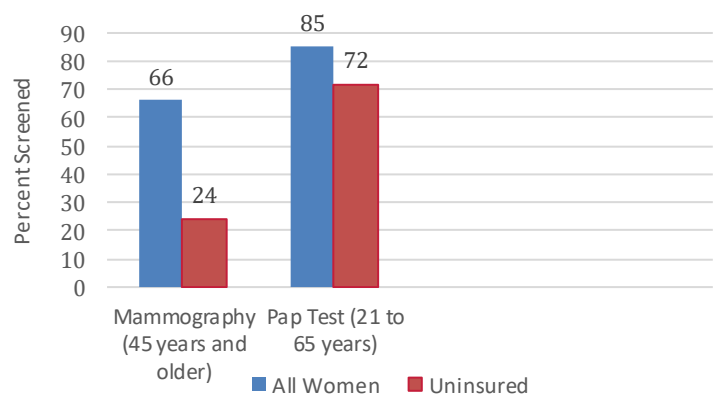
The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is committed to ensuring that all women have the opportunity to receive lifesaving cancer screenings and services. We urge you to provide supplemental funding for FY 2022 and increase the state funding by **\$1 Million** for the Early Detection Works program which is vital to the health and wellbeing of Kansas women.

¹ American Cancer Society. *Cancer Facts and Figures 2022*. Atlanta: American Cancer Society; 2022.

² American Cancer Society. *Cancer Prevention & Early Detection Facts & Figures 2021-2022*. Atlanta: American Cancer Society; 2021.

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Screening Program Summaries*. Updated September 21, 2021. Accessed January 2022. <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/data/summaries/index.htm>.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in Kansas in 2018²



*Mammogram within the past year (ages 45-54 years) or past two years (ages >55 years); Pap Test and/or HPV DNA test as recommended, depending on age.