



RI WOMEN'S CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM AGE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE 2018

Rhode Island residents who meet age, income, and health insurance requirements are eligible for free breast and cervical cancer screening services through the Women's Cancer Screening Program.

Services available for women by age group:

- **Age 21 – 29**
 - Cervical cancer screening (Pap test alone every 3 years);
 - Breast cancer screening (clinical breast exam, only if performed in conjunction with Pap test);
 - Diagnostic services and follow-up, if an abnormality is found in a screening test.
- **Age 30 – 39**
 - Cervical cancer screening (Pap test alone every 3 years, **OR** high-risk HPV test alone every 5 years, **OR** Pap test and high-risk HPV test together every 5 years);
 - Breast cancer screening (clinical breast exam, only if performed in conjunction with Pap test);
 - Diagnostic services and follow-up, if an abnormality is found in a screening test.
- **Age 40 – 64:**
 - Cervical cancer screening (Pap test alone every 3 years, **OR** high-risk HPV test alone every 5 years, **OR** Pap test and high-risk HPV test together every 5 years);
 - Breast cancer screening (mammogram and clinical breast exam every year);
 - Diagnostic services and follow-up, if an abnormality is found in a screening test.
- **Age 65+:** Not eligible for program services. **Exception:** Women without Medicare Part B and undocumented women are eligible for all program services.
- **ANY AGE WOMAN:** Women with symptoms suspicious for breast cancer, **OR** an abnormal finding on a clinical breast exam, are eligible for breast services including diagnostic follow-up.
- **Women at high-risk for breast cancer:** Women with at least one of the risk factors listed below may be eligible for screening with both an annual mammogram and an annual MRI-
 - Personal history of BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutations
 - First-degree relative (parent, brother, sister or child) with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation but not having had genetic testing themselves
 - First-degree relative with premenopausal breast cancer
 - Lifetime risk of breast cancer of $\geq 20\%$ according to risk assessment tools based on family history (e.g. Tyrer-Cuzick, Claus, BRCAPRO, BOADICEA)
 - Radiation therapy to the chest between ages of 10-30



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OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Income (within 250% of poverty – see WCSP Family Size and Eligibility Income levels)
2. Uninsured or underinsured (health insurance does not provide annual screening for breast and cervical cancer)
3. Must be a Rhode Island resident.

QUESTIONS: Call the Women's Cancer Screening Program at 222-4324.