

SCREENING FOR LIFE PROGRAM

What is the Screening for Life Program?



The Screening for Life (SFL) program provides payment for cancer screening tests to qualified Delaware adults. The program is a cooperative effort of the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- **Link for SFL on dhss.delaware.gov:** <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/dpc/sfl.html>
- **Link for SFL on healthydelaware.org:** <https://www.healthylife.org/Individuals/Cancer/Get-Help/Screening-For-Life>
- **APPLY ONLINE:** <https://healthaccessde.dhss.delaware.gov/Home/Register>

What Services Does the Program Provide?

Cancers can be treated more effectively if they are found early, and SFL can help qualified individuals get the tests they need at the recommended times. Eligible individuals may receive:

- Office visits
- Mammograms and clinical breast exams
- Cervical screenings (Pap and HPV tests)
- Prostate cancer screening tests
- Colorectal cancer screening tests
- Lung cancer screening tests, if recommended by a doctor and criteria is met
- Health education
- Help with coordinating associated care

Eligibility Guidelines for SFL

To be eligible for these services, you must meet age, income, and insurance [guidelines](#). Screening For Life offers free screening tests for breast, cervical, colon, lung, and prostate cancer. Individuals may be eligible if they:

- Are a Delaware resident
- Have health insurance that doesn't cover screenings
- Are age 18-64 and not eligible for Medicaid
- Are age 65 or older and do not qualify for Medicare
- Meet income guidelines
- Are not eligible for health insurance from the Health Insurance Marketplace

Income Guidelines

Delaware residents are eligible for SFL if they have a household income between 139% - 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. The Federal Poverty Level is based on annual household income and household size. A household consists of the individual, their spouse, and all dependent children of age 18 and under, including unborn children.

Delaware residents with an annual household income between 139%-250% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for SFL if they are deemed ineligible for Medicaid. Please refer to the Federal Poverty Guidelines that match the year in which an individual is applying for enrollment. The URL address is: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>

Insurance Guidelines

Uninsured:

- No medical insurance nor private HMO
- Not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid
- Not eligible for health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace

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Underinsured:

- Unmet deductible (deductible must be more than 15% of annual income)
- Insurance does not cover breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate screenings

The SFL program **does not** reimburse for co-pays or co-insurances.

The program **does** provide reimbursement for persons who have a high deductible relative to their income. If the deductible is equal to or higher than 15% of your income, you may be eligible for SFL – if all other eligibility requirements are met.

HEALTH CARE CONNECTION PROGRAM

What is the Health Care Connection Program?



Health Care Connection

The Health Care Connection (HCC) program (formerly called "CHAP," ensures access by uninsured individuals to primary care doctors, medical specialists, health promotion and disease prevention services; and helps with access to other health resources – including prescription programs, and laboratory and radiology services. HCC program staff are available to assist individuals with establishing a health care home, scheduling appointments, and removing barriers to obtaining healthcare and health promotion services.

- **Link for HCC on dhss.delaware.gov:** <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/dpc/chap.html>
- **Link for HCC on medicalsocietyofdelaware.org:** https://www.medsocietyofdelaware.org/delaware/CMMSD/What_We_Do/Initiatives/CMMSD/Nav_Items/What_We_Do/Initiatives.aspx
- **APPLY ONLINE:** <https://healthaccessde.dhss.delaware.gov/Home/Register>

HCC's mission is to:

- ❖ Simplify the way uninsured Delawareans are screened for financial eligibility for existing public programs and resources;
- ❖ Link them with appropriate financial resources and a medical health home; and
- ❖ Ensure a continuum of care.

Vision

HCC seeks to improve individuals' health status and reduce the inappropriate utilization of health resources by:

- ❖ Facilitating more effective use of primary and preventive health services;
- ❖ Providing case management and education to those with high-risk chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, cancer, and hypertension; and
- ❖ Providing access to other needed health services

HCC Services and VIP



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Medical services are provided in the community through community-based Health Care Centers; and by private doctors who participate in the Medical Society of Delaware's Voluntary Initiative Program (VIP). VIP is a network of private physicians statewide who accept HCC patients in their practices and serve as their health home or provide medical subspecialty services.

HCC recipients receive discounted medical services based on their income.

To be eligible for HCC, an individual must be a Delaware resident, uninsured, not eligible for state medical assistance programs such as Medicaid, exempt or ineligible for the Healthcare Marketplace, and must meet the program's financial eligibility guidelines. To inquire about membership or eligibility, individuals may call 1-866-996-2427.

HCC is administered by the Delaware Division of Public Health with funding support from the Delaware Health Fund. VIP is administered by the Delaware Foundation for Medical Services, a supporting foundation of the Medical Society of Delaware.

If a physician or health service provider is interested in being a part of the Voluntary Initiative Program, they may e-mail the VIP staff ([Michelle Seymour](mailto:Michelle.Seymour@dfms.org)), or call (302) 224-4905.

Voluntary Initiative Program (VIP)

The Voluntary Initiative Program is part of the Health Care Connection (HCC), a state-funded program that helps coordinate charitable services by physicians and provides additional health service resources for patients. Physician participation adds value and improves medical outcomes for patients enrolled in HCC.

- VIP physicians provide medical services to uninsured consumers enrolled through HCC
- VIP enrolls physician members on a voluntary basis to provide medical care throughout Delaware to uninsured and underinsured patients at no or low cost to them
- Patients being served by VIP received pro-bono or income-based, discounted care for routine prevention care and screenings; acute care; medical specialty care; allied health; diagnostic lab; and imaging services; and primary assistance
- The VIP Medication Assistance Program addresses the growing prescription assistance needs of uninsured and underinsured Delawareans.

Outcomes:

Professional external evaluation of the program has shown that patients:

- Increase their rate for completion of preventive screenings
- Reduce the use of emergency department services
- Lower their length of hospital stays
- Improve their management of chronic diseases
- Self-report increased satisfaction with their health care
- Utilize no-cost or discounted ancillary services such as laboratory services, radiology, physical therapy, etc.