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Know: BRCA

This New Resource Assesses Risk for Hereditary Breast and Cervical Cancer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) announced the launch of *Know: BRCA* - a web-based resource for young women and medical providers concerned about hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. *Know: BRCA* was developed collaboratively with partners at [Bright Pink](#), and represents collective efforts to reach young women with the important message that "*Knowing your BRCA gene mutation risk can save your life.*"

Know: BRCA assesses a young woman's risk of having a BRCA gene mutation based on her family cancer history. Results can be shared with her health care provider. The Assessment is fully HIPAA compliant and can be integrated into Electronic Medical Records. With this essential information, young women and providers can work together to decide next steps, potentially including genetic counseling and testing, screening, and risk reduction.

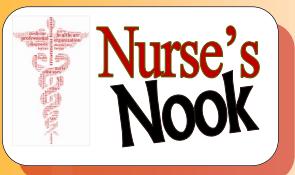
Visit the CDC Know BRCA landing page: http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/young_women/knowbrca.htm

Breast Screening Services Covered by Screening For Life (SFL)

SFL follows National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program guidelines, and serves uninsured or under-insured Delaware women with incomes at or below 250% federal poverty level by covering the following services:



- For women aged 40 and over: annual breast exam and screening mammogram;
- For women under 40, symptomatic: with pre-approval, all services herein as needed;
- Clinical breast exam
- Diagnostic mammograms, ultrasound, and interpretation;
- Surgical consultations/office visits;
- Laboratory fees and anesthesia services;
- Fine needle/cyst aspiration and breast biopsy;
- Case management to ensure timely follow-up of abnormal results;
- Assistance with speedy transition into Medicaid, the Delaware Cancer Treatment Program, or insurance for services for those diagnosed with cancer; and,
- After treatment follow-up to ensure participation in preventive screenings.



What Happens If Your SFL Patient is Diagnosed with CANCER?

Integral functions of the Screening for Life (SFL) program services are tracking and surveillance for abnormal screening or diagnostic results, performed by the SFL program case managers. Providers, such as laboratories or radiologists, often bring abnormal results to the attention of the patient's health care provider. Other times, the abnormal result may be identified during claims processing, when case management staff review test results. If additional testing is required, as identified by SFL's screening and diagnostic protocols, the case manager will contact the provider to discuss the case; gather information; assist to ensure needed tests are scheduled promptly; and determine if the patient is able to access services, is informed about the need for the test, and knows what to expect. The case manager is responsible for obtaining any required additional approvals for testing, and for documenting outcomes in the program database.



Once a diagnosis of cancer is confirmed, the program case managers move quickly to gather all the information needed to enroll the patient into treatment. They will contact the diagnosing provider for documentation, and alert the appropriate cancer care coordinator and nurse navigator. Depending on a variety of factors including the type and location of the cancer, citizenship status, income level and insurance status, the client is generally enrolled into either the Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid Program or the Delaware Cancer Treatment Program. Usually this is completed within days.

If the patient does not qualify for either of these options, the cancer care coordinators work on the patient's behalf to identify other sources of assistance.

Contact SFL at 302-744-1040 if you have questions about cancer treatment options in Delaware.

A Friendly Reminder from SFL Billing

To ensure timely processing of claims for Screening for Life (SFL) providers, remember to wait until 60 days has passed after your original submission before re-submitting claims. Resubmitting the claim too soon will result in a delay in processing your payment.

Thank you.