

Maine CDC Breast & Cervical Health Program – ACA Informational Memo

To: Women enrolled in the Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP)

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Does the Affordable Care Act (ACA) change the Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Screening Program?

No, it does not. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) manages the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP) through a federal grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Under the grant award, Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Health Program will continue to enroll women who meet the program's eligibility criteria. There will be no changes to the cancer screening services currently covered by the Program for women enrolled in the program.

What happens if I enroll in one of Maine's new health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act Marketplace?

The ACA requires all new health insurance plans to provide "essential health benefits" which include a variety of preventive services, including breast, cervical and colon cancer screening, at no cost. Preventive services covered under the ACA do not have copayment, co-insurance, or deductible requirements.

Under ACA, Maine residents with incomes between 100-400% of the federal poverty level (FPL) have a new option to buy a subsidized health insurance plan. The "subsidized" health insurance plans are supported with federal money and only sold through the Marketplace. Open enrollment for 2017 will begin on November 1, 2016, and will end on January 31, 2017. In most states, the deadline to enroll in a plan with a **January 1, 2017 effective date** will be December 15, 2016

Women enrolled in MBCHP are reminded to call the MBCHP if their health insurance coverage changes.

To see if you qualify for a health insurance plan under the ACA, visit:

www.healthcare.gov