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**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***

**Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP) HPV Reimbursement Policy Change**  
**Effective 1 January 2013**

To: MBCHP Primary Care Provider (PCP) Service Locations

SUBJECT: Coverage for Cervical Cancer Screening HPV Co-testing

In March 2012, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) published their new cervical cancer screening recommendations which are also currently being promoted by the American Cancer Society (ACS), American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP), and American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

In support of the 2012 USPSTF recommendations, MBCHP is changing our policy for when we will reimburse HPV (CPT 87621) on submitted medical claims for routine cervical cancer screenings. Effective for dates of service **1 January 2013** and forward, MBCHP will reimburse the HPV (CPT 87621) test when billed with a Pap test; referred to as co-testing (cytology + HPV high-risk DNA panel). The new policy is NOT retroactive to dates of service prior to 1 January 2013.

MBCHP coverage policy is changed to reflect the new recommended screening tests and USPSTF screening interval for women enrolled in the MBCHP as follows:

<b><u>Screening Method</u></b>	<b><u>Interval</u></b>
<b>Cytology</b>	<b>Every 3 years</b>
<b>Co-testing</b> (cytology + HPV testing)	<b>Every 5 years</b>

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