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## **Breast cancer license plates offer new way to support the cause**

**OLYMPIA** — There's a new way to donate and show your support for breast cancer screening and testing. Starting Oct. 16, you have a chance to bid on the first batch of breast cancer license plates before they go on sale to everyone, starting in January.

Money raised from the sale of the plates will pay for breast cancer screenings and follow up tests for women with limited or no insurance through the state Department of Health's Breast, Cervical, and Colon Health Program.

The auction runs through the end of the month. [More information about the auction](#) and how to bid can be found online. After this month's auction, breast cancer license plates will be available for purchase in January 2015 for \$60 through the state Department of Licensing.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and it's a great time to take advantage of life-saving breast cancer screening. Under the Affordable Care Act, nearly all health insurance plans cover breast cancer screening.

"Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among Washington women," said State Health Officer Dr. Kathy Lofy. "A regular mammogram is the best way to find it early and make sure women get a head start on treatment when it's most successful."

Routine screening is especially important for women 50-74 years old. Women between the ages of 40 and 49 and any woman with a family history of breast cancer should talk to their doctor about when to start getting screened for breast cancer. If you or your loved one have no insurance, or have a limited health plan, contact the Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program to apply for a free screening. Call 1-888-438-2247 or [get more information online](#).

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