

State of Washington  
Decision Package

FINAL

**Agency:** 303 Department of Health  
**Decision Package Code/Title:** Q0 Breast & Cervical Screening Program Restoration  
**Budget Period:** 2015-17  
**Budget Level:** PL-Performance Level

**Recommendation Summary Text:**

The Department of Health's Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program (BCCHP) supports an early detection program that provides free breast and cervical cancer screening to low-income clients in Washington State and is supported by three funding sources including general fund state. This package restores of general fund state support to community based services contracted by the Department of Health to provide early detection of breast and cervical cancer to women ages 40-64 who are at or below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and are uninsured or underinsured. This restoration of general fund state will result in up to 1,935 more women served, and on average 36 cancers or pre-cancers detected.

**Fiscal Detail**

Operating Expenditures		FY 2016	FY 2017	Total
001-1	General Fund - State	456,000	457,000	913,000
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>456,000</b>	<b>457,000</b>	<b>913,000</b>

**Package Description:**

The program funds six regional organizations, known as Prime Contractors, who coordinate with local healthcare providers to implement the program. Clients diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer are enrolled onto the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program administered by the Health Care Authority.

Program research shows that despite health plan options and financial incentives now available, insurance remains largely unaffordable for clients between 139-250 percent of the FPL. The BCCHP provides essential financial support to eligible people who have purchased seemingly affordable health plans with high deductibles. Once a preventive cancer screening test is positive, follow up tests are outside of the essential health benefits, and are subject to out of pocket costs. This program assists clients with these high costs, so that appropriate follow up may be completed. These services are still needed in Washington to provide lifesaving screenings for those who cannot afford, access, or pay for their insurance.

This package restores \$913,000 during the 2015-17 biennia. The funding will help BCCHP serve low-income clients who are ineligible for Medicaid or private insurance due to citizenship status and other hardship situations. Up to 1,935 more women will be served, and on average 36 cancers or pre-cancers will be detected.

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**Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:**

***What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?***

The projected outcomes from this package include providing access for up to 1,935 more clients to necessary breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic and treatment services. On average, 36 cancers and pre-cancers may be detected.

## **Performance Measure Detail**

**Activity:** A002- Prevent Chronic Disease

### ***Is this Decision Package essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?***

The program contributes to the department's 2014-2016 strategic plan.

Goal 2: Prevent illness and injury and promote ongoing wellness across the lifespan for everyone in Washington

Goal 3: Improve access to quality, affordable, and integrated healthcare for everyone in Washington.

Objective 1: Increase access to affordable healthcare.

### ***Does this decision package provide essential support to one or more of the Governor's Results Washington priorities?***

BCCHP supports but is not currently measured by the Governor's Results Washington Goal 4: Health and Safe Communities- Healthy People

Provide access to good medical care to improve people's lives

1.2 Decrease percentage of adults reporting fair to poor health from 15% in 2011 to 14% by 2017.

### ***What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?***

Stakeholders and advocates of breast and cervical cancer early screening and detection will support restoring this significant program funding – as well as the assistance and access to early detection for women at or below 250 percent of the FPL.

### ***What alternatives were explored by the agency and why was this alternative chosen?***

Reducing state funds that support BCCHP is an alternative; however, more data is needed indicating what portion of the eligible BCCHP caseload/cliental is receiving screening through Medicaid and private health coverage. The restored BCCHP funding will secure early breast and cervical cancer screening for low-income clients who are ineligible for Medicaid or private insurance due to citizenship status – and other hardship situations.

### ***What are the consequences of adopting or not adopting this package?***

If the package is adopted, up to 1,935 additional clients will have access to necessary breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic and treatment services. On average, 36 cancers and pre-cancers may get undetected.

### ***What is the relationship, if any, to the state capital budget?***

None.

### ***What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?***

None

***Expenditure and revenue calculations and assumptions***

Prime Contractors will be provided \$456,000 in FY 2016, and \$457,000 in FY 2017.

***Which costs and functions are one-time? Which are ongoing? What are the budget impacts in future biennia?***

All expenditures would to be ongoing.

***For federal grants: Does this request require a maintenance of effort or state match?***

Not applicable.

***For all other funding: Does this request fulfill a federal grant's maintenance of effort or match requirement?***

The BCCHP receives \$4.1 million each year in Federal funding which requires a 1:3 match. This amount of general fund state will give us the ability to meet the match requirement without having to turn to in kind spending to meet the match requirement.

<u>Object Detail</u>		<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
A	Salaries and Wages			0
B	Employee Benefits			0
C	Personal Service Contracts			0
E	Goods and Services	5,000	5,000	10,000
G	Travel			0
J	Capital Outlays			0
T	Intra-Agency Reimbursements			0
N	Grants, Benefits & Client Svc	451,000	452,000	903,000
	<b>Total Objects</b>	<b>456,000</b>	<b>457,000</b>	<b>913,000</b>