



MONTANA
CANCER CONTROL
COALITION

Fund the Montana Breast and Cervical Cancer (screening) Program (MBCHP) with an appropriation of \$945, 000 for the biennium

Background: Currently, the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP) is 100% federally funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC). Program funds must be prioritized first for women in a target population of 50 through 64 years of age.

Currently, the program is using limited federal funds to provide cervical cancer screening services to women age 35-50, and limited donated (non-sustaining private sector funds) to provide mammograms for women age 40-50.

Those In Need: According to 2001-2003 data using the estimated number of women in the age groups designated by the U.S. Census there are approximately 8,000 to 10,000 Montana women between the ages of 35-50 years, living at 200% of poverty who are uninsured. The census data reflects estimates for all Montana women in this age sector, including American Indian women living in reservation communities.

Goal: To screen 3,000 additional women or 10% of the eligible for (1) Cervical cancer screening and early detection services to women age 35-40; and (2) Breast and cervical cancer screening and early detection services to women age 40-50.

What is Realistic: Using the data above, the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP) estimates that approximately one-tenth of the estimated eligible population could be served in the next 24 months.

- 1000 women would access program screening and early detection services in year 1 (July 1, 2007 through June 30 2008) and;
- 2000 women would access services in year 2 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009).

Bargain Life Saving Price Tag

The TOTAL estimated cost per individual woman screened through the MBCHP is \$315. It would cost \$945,000 to reimburse MBCHP medical service providers and MBCHP administrative site contractors. **We are asking the Montana Legislature to appropriate \$945,000 for screening an additional 3,000 women in need.**