



Health, Education, Information & Research Center
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Mammograms Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Cancer Detection Program?

The Cancer Detection Program: Every Woman Counts (CDP: EWC) provides free clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams and Pap tests to California's underserved women. The program serves women of the working poor who have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty.

2. How will the new mammograms program policy change affect women in California?

- Beginning January 1, 2010, CDP will stop paying for mammograms for women under 50.
- Cervical cancer screening will still be provided to women 25 and older.

3. Why did the policy change?

The policy has changed due to the increased number of mammogram services and declining California state revenues.

The changes come about a month after a federal government task force sparked controversy by finding that women in their 40s do not need routine mammograms if they have no health or family history or other risk factors.

4. Does KHEIR have other funding sources to provide breast cancer screenings to women 40-49 years of age?

Yes. KHEIR has other programs to continue to offer free mammograms for women under 55 who qualify and have a menstrual period. As breast cancer is the most common form of cancer for Korean American women, we are dedicated to providing free mammograms for women who qualify.

Cancer has been an ongoing initiative for KHEIR as our client population,

Koreans and Latinos, have some of the lowest cancer screening rates and highest mortality rates. Cultural and financial barriers along with a lack of education all contribute to the low screening rate. Remember early breast cancer detection saves lives!

To schedule mammograms, pap smears or other health services, please contact KHEIR – S. Mark Taper Foundation Community Clinic at 213-637-1070. (Clinic Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and Saturdays by appointment only)