



INSURANCE AND OTHER FINANCIAL COVERAGE OPTIONS

BREAST CANCER SCREENING & CARE:

You can still get **screening** and **treatment** even if you are unsure about insurance coverage or eligibility. Programs are available to help every woman in Illinois get screened and receive treatment.

SCREENING CAN BE AFFORDABLE OR FREE

- Mammograms save lives and can often be accessed even without insurance.
- Programs such as the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) provide free or low-cost mammograms and follow-up care for eligible women.
- Community health centers, local health departments, and partner clinics often offer sliding-scale fees or free screenings.

Tip: Don't delay your mammogram, early detection is key.

PROGRAMS THAT CAN HELP ALL WOMEN IN ILLINOIS

- **IBCCP (Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program):**
 - Covers breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow-up care.
 - Helps women get diagnostic tests, treatment referrals, and care coordination.
- **Medicaid:**
 - Low-income individuals may qualify.
 - Some states offer special programs for people recently losing employer insurance.
- **Hospital or clinic financial assistance programs:**
 - Many hospitals have charity care programs that reduce or eliminate costs.
- **Community Health Worker (CHW) support:**
 - Applying for programs, gathering documents, making appointments, and provide referrals.

TIPS FOR NAVIGATING CARE WITHOUT INSURANCE

- **Ask for program support early:** Apply for IBCCP or financial assistance before your appointment.
- **Bring all documents** you have, even partial information.
- **Ask about sliding-scale fees** if a program cannot fully cover costs.
- **Keep track of appointments** and payments you make out of pocket. In some cases, you may be eligible for reimbursement by insurance, including Medicaid.
- **Talk with a CHW.** They are there to help review options, assist with paperwork, and provide referrals to other professionals.

Assistance programs, like IBCCP and hospital financial aid, can cover diagnostic and treatment costs for eligible patients. Private insurance holders may also be eligible.

IBCCP will help cover costs not covered by your private or employer based insurance if eligible. Free or low-cost programs are available regardless of insurance status.

IBCCP also allows for patients with private insurance to receive free mammograms if their insurance has specific limitations on the number of screenings and types their plan covers per year.