

State of Washington  
Decision Package

FINAL

**Agency:** 303 Department of Health  
**Decision Package Code/Title:** A8 Breast and Cervical Screening Program Reduction  
**Budget Period:** 2015-17  
**Budget Level:** PL-Performance Level

**Recommendation Summary Text:**

The Department of Health's (DOH) 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. These community based services are contracted by the DOH 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 proposed general fund state reduction will result in up to 1,935 fewer women served, and on average 36 cancers or pre-cancers may be left undetected.

**Fiscal Detail**

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>		<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
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 can provide 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. The 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 reduces \$913,000 during the 2015-17 biennia. This reduction will result in up to 1,935 fewer women served, and on average 36 cancers or pre-cancers may be left undetected. The 2013-15 operating budget assumed many BCCHP eligible women would be insured by Medicaid or private insurance through the Affordable Care Act. This reduction also assumes an anticipated shift of clients to Medicaid or private insurance. The retained BCCHP funding will help serve low-income clients who are ineligible for Medicaid or private insurance due to citizenship status and other hardship situations.

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**Narrative Justification and Impact Statement:**

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

The projected outcomes from this reduction are 1,935 fewer clients will have access to necessary breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic and treatment services. On average, 36 cancers and pre-cancers may go undetected.

**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.

Reducing it, therefore, could have a negative impact.

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

No.

***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 be concerned with this significant program reduction as well as prevention and access to early detection for lower income women.

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

The Department of Health (DOH) used the following process to get to the mandated 15 percent General Fund State Reductions:

- All General Fund State supported programs were put into three tiers:
  - Tier 1 – Programs that are 100 percent foundational public health services
  - Tier 2 – Programs that are partially foundational public health services and/or directly tied to the Governor's Results Washington measures and/or part of the agency strategic plan
  - Tier 3 – All remaining general fund programs
- Tier 2 and Tier 3 programs were scored using the public health criteria matrix, then ranked using the scores and our professional judgment
- Reductions were proposed from the ranked list
- The DOH widely shared our draft reductions both internally and externally to the department and sought feedback

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

If the package is adopted 1,935 fewer clients will have access to necessary breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic and treatment services. On average, 36 cancers and pre-cancers may go 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 agreements will be reduced by (\$456,000) in FY 2016, and reduced by (\$457,000) in FY 2017.

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

All reductions are assumed 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 reduction will reduce our flexibility to meet the match requirement. The program does have an ability to utilize in kind to meet the match requirement.

<b><u>Object Detail</u></b>		<b><u>FY 2016</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
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 SVS	(451,000)	(452,000)	(903,000)
	<b>Total Objects</b>	<b>(456,000)</b>	<b>(457,000)</b>	<b>(913,000)</b>