

Background

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000 gives states the option to provide Medicaid coverage to certain women in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer, including pre-cancerous conditions. The Ohio legislature approved this option in the State's 2002/2003 biennial budget (H.B. 94).

This category of Medicaid coverage builds on the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Mortality Reduction Act of 1990 which established the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and authorized the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) to make grants to states for screening services for eligible women. The CDC funds cannot pay for treatment for women diagnosed with cancer. This Medicaid option will provide health coverage to eligible women diagnosed through the CDC program. In Ohio, the CDC screening program is administered by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and is referred to as the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP).