



The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cancer Detection Section (CDS) would like to provide the Legislature with an update of program activities during Quarter 4 of FY 2010–11:

*EWC* Regional Contractors (RCs) conduct specific activities to implement Tailored Health Education and deliver Quality Clinical Services. RCs activities ensure that *EWC* can meet program goals, and that all Californians have access to high quality cancer education, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment. RCs activities support improvement in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention quality indicators that measure clinical follow-up of screening services and program outcomes. Through the RCs, CDS reduces mortality through breast and cervical cancer screening, stimulates change in health care, and mobilizes communities to enable all California women to receive timely, high quality cancer screening services.

- ❖ From April 1, 2011 to present, CDS has directed RCs to provide training to correct delinquent provider data issues.
- ❖ All ten *EWC* Regions have contractors in place. On June 25, 2011, contracts for the maintenance of a regional provider network and health education services in the San Diego and Los Angeles Regions were executed with the California Health Collaborative (CHC). CHC is already the contractor in four other Regions in the state.
- ❖ On July 20, 2011, the CDC notified CDPH that the federal grant Award for FY 2011-12 is \$6,952,495; 3.2 percent less than the \$7,183,517 California received in FY 2010-11. This reduction is due to an 11 percent (\$700 million) reduction to the CDC budget for FY 2011-12. The CDC considered each grantee's screening performance, program management, spending history, and eligible population size to determine this year's awards. The performance-based process protected high-performing programs (like California) to level or near level funding. In order to keep funds for clinical claims at the highest level, *EWC* will apply the reduction to program support by reducing the amount in current contracts.
- The Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Council met on May 27, 2011. Agenda items included: effects of program policy changes on program providers; recent data on claims for digital mammography; status of the *EWC* Annual and Quarterly Reports to the Legislature; and, federal grant Core Program Performance Indicator success. The CDS Fiscal and Legislation Unit updated the Council on the program's response to a Department of Finance audit including the *EWC* Estimates Package, development of *EWC* Regulations, federal grant funding, and CDS processes to track contract spending.

Effective January 1, 2012, RCs begin a new contract. CDS plans to continue the ten Regions for *EWC*. However, because one contractor covers six of the Regions (CHC is the contractor in five of the ten Regions), CDS will reduce the number of

contracts from ten (one per Region) to five. This will improve the contract management and oversight processes at CDS, by eliminating duplicate work while ensuring that access to services is not affected.

*EWC* Quarterly and Estimate Reports are available on the CDS Website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CancerDetection/Pages/EWCReports.aspx>