

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROPOSED TRAILER BILL LEGISLATION

Breast Cancer Control Fund and Breast Cancer Research Account Technical Cleanup

FACT SHEET

Issue: Breast Cancer Control Fund and Breast Cancer Research Account Technical Cleanup. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) proposes to correctly name the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) instead of DHCS as the designated state department of the Breast Cancer Fund, Breast Cancer Research Account (BCRA).

Background: In 2012, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program was transferred from CDPH to DHCS, now known as the Every Woman Counts (EWC) Program. Through AB 144 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 105, Statutes of 2025), as part of the health omnibus budget trailer bill, DHCS updated language to streamline various reporting requirements for the EWC Program. Additionally, DHCS changed various state department references in the Revenue and Taxation Code Section 30461.6 that govern revenues, allocated from a cigarette and tobacco products surtax, which are, upon appropriation, deposited into the Breast Cancer Fund that includes two accounts, the BCRA and the Breast Cancer Control Account (BCCA). Although DHCS is the designated state department for BCCA, it is not for the BCRA. One of the updates erroneously changed a reference to DHCS where it should have remained CDPH specific to the BCRA.

Justification for the Change: This proposal is necessary, technical clean-up to correct the State department reference to CDPH as the designated state Department of the BCRA, and maintain uninterrupted program operations, research funding, and public health services.

Summary of Arguments in Support: DHCS and CDPH request this technical clean-up to correct the appropriate designation of roles and responsibilities for the Breast Cancer Research Account.