



EVERY WOMAN COUNTS Provider Information Notice

To: Every Woman Counts (EWC) Primary Care Providers
Subject: Assembly Bill (AB) 1795: Changes to EWC eligibility policy

This notice is to share information about changes to EWC eligibility policy regarding breast cancer diagnostic services and inform providers about policy changes to Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) coverage.

AB 1795 EWC ELIGIBILITY POLICY CHANGES

California's Legislature recently passed AB 1795 (Atkins, Chapter 68, Statutes of 2016), effective January 1, 2017.

As amended by AB 1795, Section 104150(b) of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) states:

- (1) The department shall provide for breast cancer and cervical cancer screening services under the grant at the level of funding budgeted from state and other resources during the fiscal year in which the Legislature has appropriated funds to the department for this purpose. These screening services shall not be deemed to be an entitlement.
- (2) The following individuals shall be eligible for breast cancer screening and diagnostic services pursuant to this section if they meet all other eligibility requirements:
 - (A) An individual of any age who is symptomatic.
 - (B) An individual whose age is within the age range for routine breast cancer screening, as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force, subject to any federal action relating to breast cancer screening that overrides those recommendations.
- (3) For purposes of this section, "symptomatic" means an individual presenting with an abnormality or change in the look or feel of the breast, including, but not limited to, a lump, a hard knot, thickening or swelling of the breast tissue, a change in the color, size, or shape of the breast, or any discharge from the nipple.

EWC CLARIFICATION ON AB 1795 NOTIFICATION

For dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, EWC will provide diagnostic services to symptomatic women of any age.

Symptoms of breast cancer include, but are not limited to:

- Palpable mass, lump, or swelling in the breast;
- Changes in size or shape of the breast;
- Change in skin texture or color (dimpling, puckering, redness, scaliness, or thickening) of the breast or nipple skin;
- Nipple retraction or inversion;
- Axillary lymphadenopathy or swelling;
- Nipple discharge; and/or

- Breast Pain.

It is recommended that EWC providers use “Breast Cancer Diagnostic Algorithms for Primary Care Providers, June 2011 (4th Ed.)” to facilitate the work up of abnormal findings. Please visit the following link for the downloadable application:

<http://qap.sdsu.edu/screening/breastcancer/bda/index.html>.

AB 1795 BILLING CONSIDERATIONS

For dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, EWC will provide diagnostic services to symptomatic women of any age. The claim adjudication system is currently being updated, which may take up to 90 days. Once the system is updated, all claims will be adjudicated and processed in a timely manner, retroactive to January 1, 2017.

All EWC-covered breast procedure codes will no longer have an age limit with the exception of screening mammography codes, which are covered only for women age 40 and above:

- 77057 (Screening mammography, bilateral (two view film study of each breast)); and
- G0202 (Screening mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views).

For more information and to obtain the full list of covered breast cancer procedures, please refer to the following link to the EWC section of the Medi-Cal Provider Manual, “ev woman”:

https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/evwoman_m00o03.doc.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following are additional resources available to you regarding the information contained in this notice:

- Please refer to the following link for the “Enrollment Form Addendum” and “Frequently Asked Questions” documents: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/cancer/EWC/Pages/AB1795.aspx>.
- Please visit the following link for the full text of AB 1795: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1795.
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