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National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) provides free and low-cost breast and cervical cancer [screening](#)¹ services for people who can't afford them.

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What screening tests does NBCCEDP offer?

Some of the services offered include:

- Breast exams
- Mammograms (breast x-rays)
- Pap tests
- HPV tests
- Pelvic exams

Who is eligible for screening through the NBCCEDP?

You might be eligible if:

- You don't have health insurance, or your insurance doesn't fully cover cancer screening tests or certain tests; and

- Your yearly income is below 250 percent of the [federal poverty level](#)². Income guidelines depend on the state you live in, so check with your [state's health department](#)³ to see if you qualify.

The NCCEDP is available for:

- Women between 40 and 64 years of age for breast cancer screening
- Women between 21 and 64 years of age for cervical cancer screening

You can search for free or low-cost screening in your state, territory, or tribe on the [CDC website](#)⁴. Or you can call the CDC at 1-800-232-4636.

If your screening test shows cancer

If you find out you have cancer through the NCCEDP, you might be able to get Medicaid benefits to cover treatment costs. If you don't have insurance and are under 65 years of age, check with [your state's health department](#)⁵ to find out if you qualify.

[Questions about health insurance?](#) ⁶

Contact the ACS cancer helpline to get answers and information.

[Search for resources](#) ⁷

Find free or low-cost resources from ACS and other organizations.

Hyperlinks

1. www.cancer.org/cancer/screening.html
 2. aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines
 3. www.usa.gov/state-health
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7. www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/resource-search.html

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