



INFORMATION UPDATE



TO: WV BCCSP Screening Providers

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RE: WVBCCSP Tobacco Cessation Referral Policy & Sliding Fee Scale

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 2011

Thank you for providing breast and cervical cancer screening services for eligible West Virginia women by participating in the WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP). Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) sent out a policy to grantees regarding tobacco screening and cessation. The policy requires all WVBCCSP providers to assess the smoking status of every woman screened in the Program and refer those women who smoke to tobacco quit lines or tobacco cessation programs.

As stated by the CDC regarding this policy:

It is well known that tobacco use is associated with many cancers and chronic diseases that impact the health of our nation. As a chronic disease prevention priority, our public health cancer screening programs can promote the health of our patients by providing this great service while taking little effort. CDC wants to encourage providers to assess all women as a standard of practice, whether or not they are NBCCEDP-paid women.

In order to comply with this CDC directive, the WVBCCSP has revised the Patient Data Form (PDF) to allow providers to assess smoking status on a yearly basis and document referrals to a tobacco cessation program or Quit Line as applicable. The WV Tobacco Quitline has also revised their enrollment form to include WVBCCSP as a referral source. The tobacco usage questions have also been removed from the Client Enrollment Form (CE). Providers are to begin using the new PDF and CE forms on June 30, 2011. A pad of each form is being sent to all providers with this Information Update. Additional forms may be downloaded from the Program's website or ordered from the warehouse.

It is important that this information be shared with clinic staff that provides breast and cervical cancer education at the clinic. Women who smoke should be referred to the WV TOBACCO QUITLINE at 1-877-968-8784 or to a local tobacco cessation program.

Please contact the WVBCCSP if there are questions regarding this policy.

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