



## **All Women Count! Program– December 2021 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**1. Can a woman have insurance and still be eligible for the program?**

Yes, eligibility is not dependent on health insurance status. A woman can still have insurance and be eligible for the AWC! Program. In that case, AWC! would be the secondary payer. The only exception to this would be if the woman has Medicare B or Medicaid, in which case she would not be eligible for the program.

**2. Does a woman need to show proof of her income when completing the purple Visit Form?**

The woman does not need to provide documented proof of income. The clinic will determine a woman's eligibility by looking at the self-reported family size (#15) and income (#16) on the Purple Visit Form and matching what she self-reported with the program income guidelines. A woman should not need to call AWC! to verify if she is eligible; the clinic determines eligibility based on self-reported income and age.

**3. If the woman is married, does she have to include her husband's income when determining eligibility?**

Yes, any woman who is married or in a married-like relationship will need to include her husband's income when determining eligibility for the AWC! Program.

**4. How often does the Purple Visit Form need to be filled out?**

A new Purple Visit Form is needed every time the woman visits your clinic for an annual visit, 6-month follow-up, or a consult office visit (i.e. colposcopy or surgical consult). Please mail the original visit form to the All Women Count! Program as soon as the visit is complete to avoid a delay in payment.

**5. Is it okay to include all services provided when we bill the AWC! Program, as long as we include a \$0 charge for services the program doesn't cover?**

No, please do not bill for items that are not covered by the program. We also ask that you not send bills with \$0 as the charged amount.

**6. What happens if a woman enrolled in the All Women Count! Program is diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer?**

AWC! cannot pay for treatment services. However, if the woman does not have insurance at the time of a breast or cervical cancer diagnosis, she is eligible to be enrolled into Medicaid. Contact the AWC! Program as soon as possible when a cancer diagnosis occurs.



**7. What if the patient has the testing completed but then finds out she isn't eligible for AWC! due to income?**

All Women Count! cannot pay for services for women who do not fit eligibility guidelines. Eligibility should be determined prior to screening.

**8. What is the purpose of the All Women Count! Program?**

The purpose of the All Women Count (AWC!) Program is to provide low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.

**9. What services are reimbursed by the All Women Count! Program?**

The following services are reimbursed by the AWC! Program:

Breast Services: Screening Mammograms, Diagnostic Mammograms, Breast Ultrasounds, Breast Biopsies, Screening MRI for High Risk Women Only

Cervical Services: Pap Testing, Primary HPV Testing, Co-Testing (combination of pap testing with HPV testing), Cervical Biopsies, Colposcopy, LEEP, Cone

**10. What services are not reimbursed by the All Women Count! Program?**

The following services are **NOT** reimbursed by the AWC! Program: Diagnostic Breast MRI, BRCA Testing, HIV & STD Testing, Pelvic/Transvaginal Ultrasound, PET Scan, Pregnancy Test, Vaginal Cultures, Vaginal or Vulvar Biopsy, Wet Mount, X-Rays, and Blood Draws (i.e. cholesterol, glucose, creatine, thyroid).

**11. What are the age guidelines for the All Women Count! Program?**

The AWC! Program will reimburse cervical cancer screening for women ages 30-64 and breast cancer screening for women ages 40-64. Due to funding limitations placed on the program from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and with the knowledge that breast cancer risk increases with age, the program encourages clinics to ensure they are screening women 50 and older for breast cancer, as recommended by the [United States Preventive Services Task Force](#).

**12. Is the Social Security Number required on the Visit Form?**

It is not required, but it is useful for identifying a woman who has been in the program in the past.

**13. Is the Purple Visit Form available in Spanish?**

Yes, the Spanish Visit Form is available upon request from the AWC! Program. Call 1-800-738-2301 to request Spanish Visit Forms.



**14. Are residents from other states eligible for the AWC! Program?**

If a woman from a bordering state has established care with your clinic or with the AWC! Program, you can enroll her in the AWC! Program. Otherwise, we ask that you enroll women into the appropriate program if she resides out of state.

North Dakota Women's Way: 701-328-2306

Minnesota SAGE Screening Program: 888-643-2584

Iowa Care for Yourself: 800-369-2229

Nebraska Every Woman Matters: 800-532-2227

Wyoming Cancer Program: 800-264-1296

Montana Cancer Control Programs: 888-803-9343

**15. Are women that may not be US citizens eligible for the AWC! Program?**

If a woman has a South Dakota address and meets the age and income guidelines, she can be in the program.