



## **All Women Count! Program– December 2019 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. How can I advertise about the AWC! Program at my clinic?**

A window cling will be mailed to your clinic in early 2020, and we encourage you to display that cling to let women know you are a participating clinic. In addition, the program created a newspaper ad for providers to access and use in their local papers to encourage women to get screened. The ad is print ready and can be downloaded at:

<https://www.getscreenedsd.org/breat-cancer/awc-coupon-ad>. Additional promotional materials, such as the AWC! Rack Card, can be ordered free of charge online at:

<https://apps.sd.gov/PH18Publications/secure/Puborder.aspx>. Last, be sure to “like” our page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/getscreenedsd/>.

**3. Is the program able to backdate a form if the woman isn't enrolled into the AWC! Program at her visit?**

The program would prefer you enroll the woman at the time of her screening. We can, if needed, go back three months.

**4. Does a woman need to submit a new Purple Visit Form every year?**

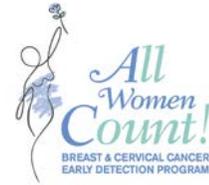
Yes, a new Purple Visit Form is needed annually for all women.

**5. Besides her annual screening, when would the Purple Visit Form need to be filled out?**

The woman would need to fill out the Purple Visit Form at the 6-month mammogram follow-up or a consult office visit (i.e. colposcopy or surgical consult).

**6. How many years can a woman utilize the All Women Count! Program?**

A woman can be eligible for the program until she turns 65, or the household income exceeds program guidelines, or she acquires Medicare B or Medicaid.



**7. 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.

**8. How soon should the visit form be sent to the program?**

The purple Visit Form should be sent to the All Women Count! Program as soon as the visit is completed. Please do not hold on to forms, as this will cause a delay in the payment of the tests performed.

**9. Does a woman have to have a clinic visit first to be enrolled in the program? For example, a patient calls in and wants a mammogram ordered.**

We encourage the clinic to remind the woman she needs a clinical breast exam, Pap smear and a mammogram. If a woman prefers only a mammogram, the ordering provider will still need to have the woman complete a purple visit form, make sure she is eligible, complete page 2 of the visit form and send a pink Mammogram Summary to the mammogram facility.

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

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

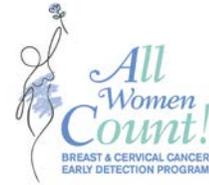
The following services are reimbursed by the AWC! Program:

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

**13. 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).



**14. 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](#).

**15. How can I learn more about the All Women Count! Program?**

If you haven't done so already, be sure to view the recording of the AWC! informational webinar that took place on December 4, 2019 by visiting <http://getscreened.sd.gov/count/>. To stay up to date on the AWC! Program, be sure to subscribe to the SD Cancer Programs listserv. Click this link: <https://listserv.sd.gov/scripts/wa.exe?A0=SDCANCERPROGRAMS>, then click on "Subscribe or Unsubscribe" on the right hand side. Fill in your name, email address and click Subscribe. You will receive a confirmation email with additional steps to confirm your identity. You can also reach out to the All Women Count! Program with questions by calling 1-800-738-2301.

**16. 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.

**17. Will the program reimburse for breast screening MRIs?**

Breast screening MRIs are for high risk women only and require pre-authorization from the All Women Count! Program. Office notes and high-risk determination may be required prior to authorization. Please contact the All Women Count! Program to begin the authorization process at 1-800-738-2301.

**18. 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.

**19. 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.



**20. 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: 701-328-2306

Minnesota: 888-643-2584

Iowa: 800-369-2229

Nebraska: 800-532-2227

Wyoming: 800-264-1296

Montana: 888-803-9343

**21. 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.