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Does the Affordable Care Act (ACA) change the Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Screening Program?

No, it does not. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) manages the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP) through a federal grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Under the grant award, Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Health Program will continue to enroll women who meet the program's eligibility criteria. There will be no changes to the cancer screening services currently covered by the Program for women enrolled in the program.

What happens if I enroll in one of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance plans now available under the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace?

The ACA created a new way for individuals to buy health insurance called the *Health Insurance Marketplace*. The Marketplace will help you find health insurance to meet your needs and budget.

Under ACA, Maine residents with incomes between 100-400% of the federal poverty level (FPL) have the option to buy a "subsidized" health insurance plan. Federal money is used to reduce the cost of plans sold through the Marketplace. 2014 Open Enrollment period is October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. Those who enroll in a subsidized plan by December 15, 2013 can begin coverage as soon as January 1, 2014.

The ACA requires all health insurance plans to cover "essential health benefits". These benefits include a variety of preventive services, including breast, cervical and colon cancer screening services, at no cost to the plan holder. Preventive services covered under the ACA do not have copayment, co-insurance, or deductible requirements.

Women enrolled in MBCHP are reminded to call the MBCHP if their health insurance coverage changes.

To see if you qualify for a health insurance plan under the ACA, visit:

www.healthcare.gov