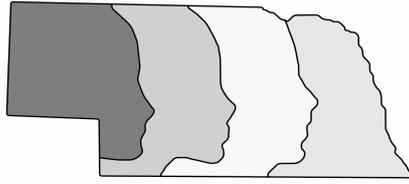


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# *Every Woman Matters Programmatic Update*

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## **Important Information for Clinicians, Nurses & Office Staff**

### **Two New Breast Policies “Effective December 2008”**

Approved by the Every Woman Matters Medical Advisory Committee

#### ***POLICY 1: 18-39 Years Old – Clinical Breast Exam (CBE) Suspicious for Breast Malignancy***

- Clients, 18-39 years old with a CBE suspicious for breast malignancy, should be **referred directly to a surgeon**.
- **No imaging** will be reimbursed by Every Woman Matters (EWM) **prior to the referral to a surgeon**.
- After the surgical consult, if the surgeon orders imaging, it will be reimbursed as long as funding is available.
- Breast ultrasounds will now be covered by EWM for clients, 18-39 years old, but **ONLY if ordered by a surgeon**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), EWM funder, does not cover breast ultrasounds for these clients. Other funding will be utilized as long as funds are available.
- The EWM Medical Advisory Committee Breast Cancer Subgroup has determined after discussion and review of data that the program has reimbursed for breast procedures in younger women that did not assist in determining a final diagnosis.

#### ***POLICY 2: Clinical Breast Exam (CBE) in Conjunction with Mammography***

All clients in the Every Woman Matters (EWM) Program, receiving a mammogram, should have a clinical breast exam in conjunction with mammography. Mammography is not a stand-alone procedure.\*

\* Refer to The National Comprehensive Cancer Network Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis Guidelines, v.1.2008, p. MS-1, [www.nccn.org](http://www.nccn.org).

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## ***Revised Policy for 40+ years: Minimal Standards for Abnormal CBE***

Revision of the following policy on page 10-10 in EWM Provider Program Manual:

CDC has set minimum acceptable standards for follow up of abnormal clinical breast exams (CBE) in conjunction with a negative *screening and/or diagnostic* mammography. All CBEs that are suspicious for malignancy, in conjunction with a negative mammogram, must be followed with one or more of the following:

- Repeat CBE (preferably by breast specialist)
- Breast Ultrasound
- Fine Needle Aspiration/Cyst Aspiration
- Biopsy

**Immediate follow up is required.**

(To appropriately ensure that minimal standards for abnormal CBEs are being met, those facilities that do not meet minimal standards are subject to audit.)

### **Revised Forms:**

Note: **A limited number of revised forms have been sent with this provider update to the clinic EWM program contact.** The clinic should start using the forms immediately.

Good News - We have listened to provider's request to decrease the number of program forms. This was accomplished by integrating CDC requirements and the recommendations from the EWM Medical Advisory Committee.

- Three forms have been combined (breast diagnostic enrollment form, breast follow-up and treatment plan and the gray screening visit follow up card) into ONE form, now called "Breast Diagnostic Enrollment/Follow-Up & Treatment Plan". The previous color of the Breast Diagnostic Enrollment form was salmon, the new color is goldenrod.
  - The new form **reflects allowable reimbursement** based on the recommendations of the EWM Medical Advisory Committee to deliver the most cost effective public health program.
  - The findings/results from comparison of prior films must be reported on the "Breast Diagnostic Enrollment/Follow-Up & Treatment Plan" form, if current mammogram indicates a finding of assessment incomplete.
- There will no longer be blue, salmon, green or purple screening cards; only an ivory colored screening card.
- All NEW and REVISED forms will have an 8/08 version date. If a form does not have an 8/08 date then they can be recycled.
- The Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment form (utilized for clinic staff to enroll clients in EWM) has also been revised. This form also contains the information found on the Screening Visit Card.

### **Reminders:**

- EWM does **NOT** pay for computerized aided detection (CAD) for mammograms.
- EWM does **NOT** pay for breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
- The current EWM Mammography Reporting Form does not indicate these changes. Continue to use this form until revised forms are available.