

HEARING SUMMARY

REGULATION: Title 181, Chapter 40, Nebraska Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

DATE OF HEARING: September 15, 2021

Name/Affiliation of Person Commenting	Comments	Department Response
1.Megan Word, American Cancer Society	We urge the department to make further changes to expand eligibility for the program by increasing the income threshold. Federal guidelines for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program set eligibility for uninsured and underinsured women with incomes at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.	The income threshold for eligibility was determined by the Breast and Cervical Advisory Committee in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-7012 and is currently at 225% of FPL. Expanding to 250% FPL would extend the service to more individuals at the expense of the program's capacity to serve those women at greatest need. The majority of women above 225% that apply to the program have insurance that pays for preventive screening. DHHS is not making a change to the income eligibility requirements at this time.