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Dear Provider,

The Florida Legislature passed the Mary Bryan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Act (SB 1360) effective July 1, 2001. This legislation offers Medicaid eligibility to a new group of individuals who were previously ineligible. They are low-income (typically working poor) women under age 65. They have been screened and diagnosed through the Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program administered by the Department of Health through various county health departments and contracts. Enrollment is limited to women whose income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

If determined eligible for this program, a woman is entitled to all Medicaid services. Coverage is not limited to treatment for the cancer. Eligibility ends when one of the following occur: the course of cancer treatment ends; she no longer meets the eligibility criteria for this category; obtains health insurance that covers this treatment or moves out of state. These recipients will have the regular Medicaid identification card, and eligibility can be confirmed through the usual systems. As with other Medicaid groups, she may be eligible for up to three months of retroactive coverage, but not prior to July 1, 2001.

If you have questions regarding this program, call your Area Medicaid Office.

Sincerely yours,



Bob Sharpe
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

