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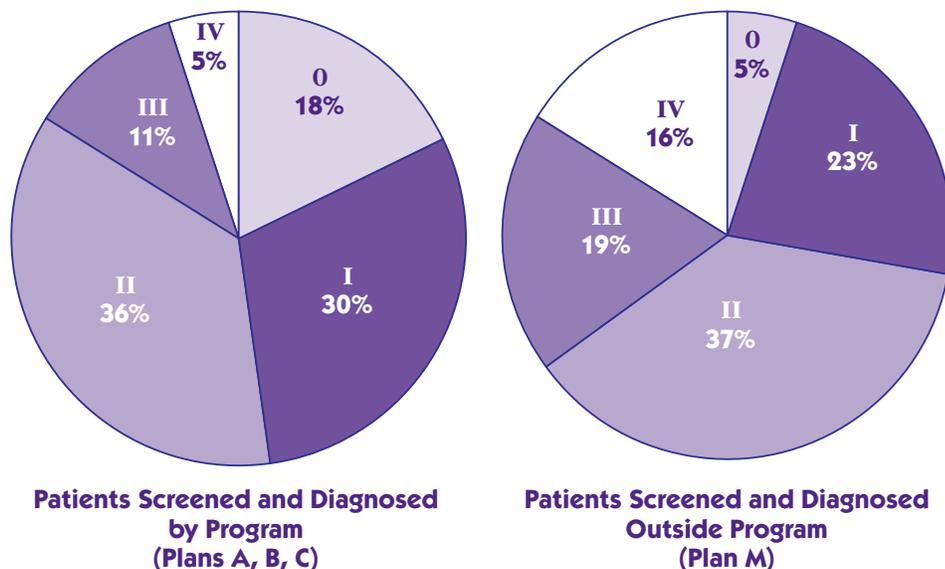
## BreastCare Medicaid

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid Category 07 was initiated by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health on December 1, 2001. Only BreastCare nurses determine the eligibility and complete the Medicaid application for these women. For more information about Medicaid Category 07 or for eligibility determination, refer patients to 1-877-670-2273. The eligibility criteria for Medicaid Category 07 include the following:

- Female
- Under age 65
- Arkansas resident
- U.S. citizen or resident alien
- Must not be categorically eligible for another Medicaid category
- Uninsured or have non-credible insurance
- In need of treatment for one of the following diagnoses
  - Breast cancer
  - Cervical cancer
  - Cervical pre-cancer – CIN II, CIN III/CIS

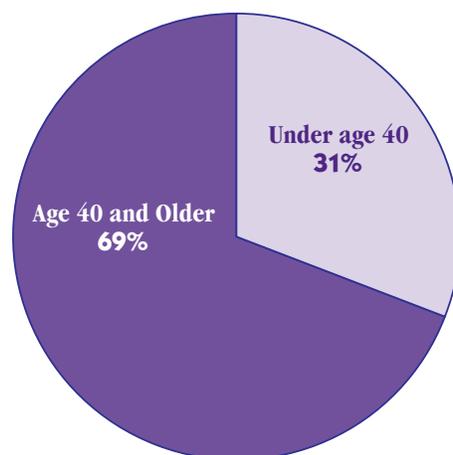
State funds cover treatment for women who are not eligible for BreastCare Medicaid and men diagnosed with breast cancer, if they meet BreastCare eligibility criteria.

**Figure 1. Breast Cancer Staging Distribution by Plan (2005)**



In 2005, 35% of BreastCare patients who were diagnosed outside of the program but entered the BreastCare program for treatment services were diagnosed with later stages of breast cancer (Stages III, IV), compared to 16% of patients screened and diagnosed through the BreastCare program (Figure 1). Early detection of breast cancers can lead to more successful treatment outcomes.

**Figure 2. Breast Cancer Patients Diagnosed Outside Program by Age (2005)**



Sixty-nine percent of women entering the program already diagnosed with breast cancer are 40 years of age or older but were not enrolled in BreastCare at the time of receiving screening and diagnostic services (Figure 2). These women need to be referred to BreastCare at the time of their CBE, mammogram or appointment with the surgeon. We need your help to get these women enrolled and screened regularly. Refer these women to 1-877-670-2273 for enrollment.

## HPV Clinician Brochure

CDC's new HPV brochure for clinicians is now available online at [www.cdc.gov/std/HPV/hpv-clinicians-brochure.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/HPV/hpv-clinicians-brochure.htm). It can also be accessed from the HPV page at [www.cdc.gov/std/hpv](http://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv). The brochure covers the natural history, risk factors, transmission, prevention and management of HPV infection and associated conditions. It also includes new technologies and guidelines for the prevention, screening and management of cervical cancer. It has been tested with providers across a range of specialties and primary practice settings.

## Cervical Cancer Task Force Unveiling its New Plan at the Capitol

The Cervical Cancer Task Force is holding a news conference at 10 a.m. at the Capitol followed by a legislative luncheon hosted by Representative Wilhelmina Lewellen on January 22. This will be a time for the task force to recognize January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in Arkansas and to introduce the Cervical Cancer Task Force's plans for making good cervical health a priority in Arkansas.

The task force has spent the past year conducting research and developing a plan emphasizing the importance of early detection and prevention of cervical cancer. The plan will focus on

the professional education of healthcare providers about both cervical cancer and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), with special attention given to testing for HPV and administering the vaccine.

## Nominations Being Accepted for Annual BreastCare Award

The BreastCare Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the annual Josetta Wilkins Awards, which honor individuals and organizations in the fight against breast cancer. The Josetta Wilkins Award recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding efforts in breast cancer education, research, advocacy, treatment or support.

For the first time in its six year history, the Josetta Wilkins Award will be presented to recipients in three categories – an organization, a volunteer individual and a

professional individual. Nomination forms and additional information are available online at



**Dr. Josetta Wilkins**

[www.ArBreastCare.com](http://www.ArBreastCare.com) or by contacting Becky Kossover at 501-280-4097 or [becky.kossover@arkansas.gov](mailto:becky.kossover@arkansas.gov). Nomination forms are due by February 15.

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### BreastCare Enrollment Center

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