

Provider Update

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BreastCare Providing Limited Services Through Jan. 3

Effective October 12, 2009, BreastCare began providing limited services through January 3, 2010, due to a demand for services greater than our resources, an increase in the cost of services and declining revenues. It is anticipated that women will be able to enroll or re-enroll in BreastCare after January 3, 2010.

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BreastCare Coverage is No Longer Retroactive

Effective December 5, 2009, BreastCare coverage for women will no longer be retroactive 30 days preceding the enrollment date. Thus, we ask providers to be sure you see the patient's current enrollment card or that you call the enrollment center at 1-877-670-2273 to be sure the patient is enrolled **before** providing any service. Any service provided prior to the patient's enrollment date will **not** be covered including, but not limited to, [mammograms](#) and office visits.



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Digital Mammograms

Effective July 1, 2009, digital mammograms are reimbursed by BreastCare. Please indicate on the mammogram report what type of [mammogram](#) is performed.



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Surgical Follow-Up

BreastCare patients may receive follow-up appointment after a mammographic abnormality or benign [biopsy](#) for one year. After one year, patients go back into annual screening with their Primary Care Providers (PCP). The cycle starts over with another mammogram. Any time that the mammogram is abnormal the patient may receive a biopsy or be referred back to the surgeon if appropriate.

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Misinterpreted Bi-Rads 3 - *Probably Benign*

The BreastCare program works continuously to update and monitor the criteria used for the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. The policies and algorithms used in the program are utilized to comply with the standard of care recommended by nationally recognized organizations such as the American College of Radiology ([ACR](#)) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)).

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Category 0 - Need Additional Imaging Evaluation and/or Prior Mammograms for Comparison

BreastCare is now required by [CDC](#) to track mammograms with *Category 0* that need additional imaging separately from mammograms with *Category 0* that require prior films for comparison. BreastCare is responsible for reporting if the comparison with prior films was made and the final imaging outcome. Please help by clearly indicating on the mammogram report if prior films have been requested for comparison.



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HPV If ASC-US

[The Arkansas Pathology Laboratory's Pap Requisition](#) does not include ASC-US Reflex Testing. The only option the provider has is to mark "HPV" on the requisition. If HPV is marked, the test is performed on all Pap specimens. BreastCare reimburses high risk HPV testing for ASC-US Pap results only. **Write in "HPV If ASC-US" at the top of any Pap requisition form that does not have a selection of ASC-US Reflex Testing.**



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Physician Orders for Diagnostic Mammograms

BreastCare clients are required to have *Physician Orders* for diagnostic mammograms. When a client arrives at the mammography facility for her appointment without a *Physician Order*, the facility will call the provider to request an order. Please fax the order ASAP. The patient will be waiting and may not understand why she has to wait so long or even why her mammogram cannot be performed at all. Please remember to fax the order when a mammogram is scheduled. This will save time and prevent conflict between the provider and the patient.



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Revised BreastCare Physician Order

Both ultrasound and diagnostic mammograms are required and should be ordered when a patient is referred for a palpable mass. The BreastCare *Physician Order* has been revised to include orders for:

- breast ultrasound.
- diagnostic mammogram in the presence of a palpable mass.

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