

# Provider Update

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## Are You Following the Thin Prep Every Two Years Policy?

Claims billed that do not follow the policy that was sent to BreastCare providers in May 2007 regarding liquid-based Pap tests, conventional Pap tests and HPV DNA high-risk testing will suspend for payment review. Providers may also receive a courtesy call from the RN Quality Assurance Specialist Regina Gibson, who is currently contacting providers whose claims suspend for payment review.

If your claims meet any of the following conditions, they will undergo payment review:

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## Refer for Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding

Symptoms + negative Pap test = Referral. Any woman who has abnormal vaginal bleeding, including postmenopausal bleeding, must be referred for a gynecology consult. If the Pap test is negative but the patient is symptomatic for cervical or endometrial cancer, the patient is referred regardless of the negative test. Diagnostic follow-up is required to ensure that the patient does not have cancer.

## [How are we doing? BreastCare Establishes Quality Indicators](#)

BreastCare has established new quality of care indicators for breast and cervical cancer screening. The 41 new breast cancer indicators and 29 new cervical cancer indicators were established after members of a workgroup spent more than a year defining indicators and establishing goals for indicator achievement.

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## [Are You Meeting the BreastCare Performance Standards?](#)

The Core Performance Indicators represent a subset of eleven indicators deemed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be critical in the assessment of a provider's performance. The Pap test screening date is used for cervical data. The mammogram date is used for breast data unless it is missing, in which case the Clinical Breast Exam (CBE) screening date is used. Arkansas met 11 out of 11 of the performance indicators for 2006.

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