

PARTNERS...

A newsletter for the partners and providers of Early Detection Works,
Kansas breast and cervical cancer screening and detection program

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Thanks to all of our many partners for submitting your bills by August 15. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated. The EDW billing specialist is working diligently to process bills for the now closed grant period, and checks will be mailed out in the coming weeks.

A few issues have surfaced over the past few months. First, as all of our partners know, Early Detection Works (EDW) is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant provided to all 50 states, several tribes and U.S. territories for the purpose of increasing the number of women current for their Pap test, pelvic exam, clinical breast exam and screening mammograms for those aged 50-64. The directive from CDC is that state grantees provide breast and cervical cancer screening services as a way to decrease morbidity and mortality from breast and cervical cancer. The CDC program focuses on women age 50-64 for all breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services, 40-49 for Pap tests, pelvic exams, clinical breast exams and **diagnostic mammograms** (only for women with abnormal CBE's or who are reporting symptoms). The program works closely with the Mid-Kansas Susan G. Komen for the Cure Affiliate to serve women under age 50 with screening mammograms within their service area.

There apparently is some confusion about EDW and services provided. The federally funded program is not designed to provide *only* a screening mammogram or *only* a Pap test but rather, is expected to provide comprehensive aspects of breast and cervical cancer screening and when necessary, diagnostic services. Therefore, when we receive calls from women who are requesting only one service, such as a screening mammogram, we do not enroll her into EDW. To do so would put the program out of compliance with federal requirements for use of the grant funding.

A limited amount of federal funding is allotted to EDW for diagnostic services and is based on expected rates of breast or cervical cancer for age eligible women screened through EDW. This past year, we listened to our providers who asked that we 'hold back' a small number of enrollment slots for symptomatic women (all age groups) who need diagnostic services following suspension of routine screenings March 1. For obvious reasons, enrollment at the point of needing diagnostic services should be an exception rather than the general policy of enrolling for comprehensive cervical and breast cancer screening. When EDW does enroll women at the point of diagnostic services, all data related to Pap tests and screening mammograms must be submitted on EDW client data forms prior to payment for diagnostic services.

EDW staff is available to assist you with your questions regarding enrollment, appropriate/payable services, or other details related to EDW.

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Returned Checks Problem Increasing

EDW is experiencing an exponential increase in checks returned to us with notations such as ‘unknown patient’ or ‘patient not in database’ and wrong address notations on the envelopes.

Payments are made based on the information contained within the client forms submitted by providers. If incorrect facility information is provided on the forms, the checks will be incorrect, therefore please ensure that facility information is accurate.

If checks are returned to us as ‘unknown patient’, EDW staff will review the bill and payment within the EDW billing system and client forms. If our records show that the payment was in accordance with the client forms, funds will be re-absorbed into the grant. If providers or subcontractors alert us to their errors prior to the fiscal year closure (September 1) KDHE will reissue the check. After September 1, the grant year is closed and KDHE will not reissue another check.

PLEASE be sure we have correct facility names and mailing addresses. If a facility changes name or address, this information must be submitted in writing as soon as possible after the change. If checks are returned to us as undeliverable by the post office, EDW staff will attempt to follow up to obtain the correct information and a check will be reissued if EDW can determine the correct information. However, once the fiscal year (after September 1) closes, KDHE will not be reissue a check due to incorrect addresses.

Please assist EDW staff in paying partners promptly and accurately by ensuring that all forms submitted contain correct information.

EDW Program Data Available

If you’re interested in looking at data from the Kansas Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program in comparison to other states or the U.S., check out this website. The data is from you, our partners, through the client forms you submit. Be sure to click on the state (or aggregated data) and scroll down the page to see a complete summary.

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/data/summaries/index.htm>

Transitioning from Family Planning Services to the Early Detection Works Program

Partnering with Kansas Family Planning is a important to women who are transitioning from services provided by Family Planning to services provided by EDW. Please ensure that you are not ‘double billing’ for both a Family Planning visit and an EDW visit; this is in violation of federal law.

Payer of Last Resort

What does that term mean? Occasionally, we receive questions regarding Payer of Last Resort. If women have resources for breast or cervical services- insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, or other coverage- she is not eligible for EDW. EDW pays for women who are qualified for the program based on age, income guidelines, uninsured and with no other resources for care.

SITE VISITS/CHART REVIEWS

Just hearing the words chart review or audit can cause one's heart rate to increase, brings on sweaty palms and produces anxiety. Performance review, annual review, and evaluations- our work lives seem to be monitored frequently. Still your heart, wipe away the sweat, calm your nerves! The purpose of this article is to improve your understanding of the Early Detection Works (EDW) required site visits/chart review process.

These visits have their basis in informing contractors regarding program policies, procedures and protocols.

The Goal

The goal of site visits/chart reviews is to partner together with contractors to meet the breast and cervical cancer screening needs of the women of Kansas. As a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant funded program, guidelines for delivering breast and cervical services have been established by CDC to assure that eligible women receive services in a timely manner and that adequate documentation has been provided both at the clinical site and to the state data collection system.

If you need additional information about services and documentation you can use the Kansas Early Detection Works 2008 Program Policy and Procedure manual which was updated this year using the CDC guidelines. The manual is available on-line at www.kdheks.gov/edw/ then double click on the Policy and Procedure Manual in the left side box.

The Process

Sites are chosen for site visits/chart review based on the number of clients served, date of last review and input from the EDW Regional Nurses. Once a site is chosen; a date for the visit is scheduled through the mutual decision of the Regional Nurse, the provider site staff and the State Early Detection Works staff.

Prior to the visit, the provider will receive a letter confirming the date of the visit, a self-assessment tool to complete prior to the visit, and a list of three (3) clients whose charts will be reviewed.

Day of Visit

The names of three (3) or more client charts will be requested upon EDW State staff's arrival at the provider site. Charts will be reviewed using an audit tool developed by EDW based on CDC's requirements. At the end of the chart review, findings of the review, provider specific data, recommendations and provider input will be discussed with staff at the site.

In addition, a follow-up letter from EDW will be sent to the provider within two weeks of the site visit which outlines findings and any recommendations that might be needed. So, breathe a sigh of relief, your site visit was a successful one.

OUTREACH CONFERENCE



Early Detection Works and the Mid-Kansas Affiliate Susan G. Komen for the Cure will host the

“Effective Outreach Strategies for Early Cancer Detection within the African-American Community “

Conference on October 29, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita.

This conference is designed to provide education and information about how to recruit African-American women for breast cancer screenings and to learn effective strategies and methods that will work within this specific population. Screening rates for breast cancer in African-American women are 22 percent below rates for Whites in Kansas.

The conference will include national speakers who will provide motivation, information and how-to strategies for accomplishing the goal of raising screening rates for African-American women. For more information or to obtain a registration form call 316-683-8510 or e-mail georgia@midkskomen.org

Driven to Cure

Show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness with the Kansas Breast Cancer license plate. The tag shows your commitment for breast cancer research and helps patients in Kansas battle this devastating disease.

The plate can be obtained by making a \$50 tax-deductible gift to the University of Kansas Cancer Center and is issued upon vehicle registration and payment of your regular state license fees for your vehicle, which



is made to the county treasurer. Proceeds from the sale of these license tags support the

statewide medical coordinator at the Midwest Cancer Alliance who works to ensure that patients in communities across Kansas have access to the latest information on cancer prevention, early detection and treatment.

Obtaining a plate is easy. Use this link to find out more about the program and how you can make a gift that will stay right here in Kansas to help fight breast cancer. www.kuendowment.org/licenseplate .

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is breast cancer awareness month, a time to learn more about this type of cancer and what you can do.

Here is what you need to know:

- If you are over age 40, see your doctor to get screened. For women with a family history of the disease screening should begin earlier.
- One out of every eight women will develop breast cancer at some point during her life.
- Seventy-five percent of breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50.
- Regular mammograms can reduce breast cancer deaths by 30 percent.

Every woman is at risk for developing breast cancer and the risks increase with age. More information about breast cancer and screening can be found at: http://www.cancerkansas.org/cancer_links.htm

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