

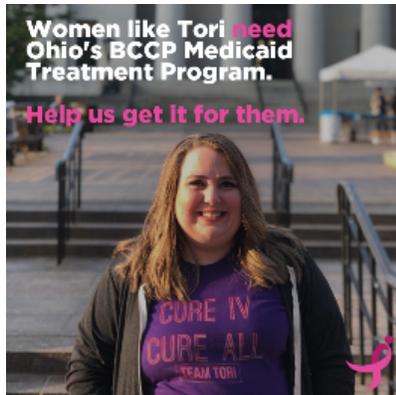


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Thank you to the Ohio legislature for their support of BCCP in the state budget with funding and expanded access!



Expand access for patients in active treatment to BCCP Medicaid Treatment Program: Under current rules, women who are diagnosed cannot access the BCCP's Medicaid program -- high quality care throughout treatment -- unless their diagnosis came through BCCP screening itself. We estimate 90-95% women in Ohio who are eligible for the program are not enrolled due to the constraints on the program in reaching all the undeserved population. These barriers to access are particularly devastating for women with metastatic breast cancer, struggling with the financial

toxicity of treatment, disability and quality of life issues. We are asking that ODH and ODM write rules that adopt a CMS policy for inclusion of all women diagnosed in the state that meet income and age eligibility requirements to be considered eligible for BCCP Medicaid. As a state with relatively high screening but the 6th highest mortality rate in the U.S., women in our state need better access to treatment. How many of those deaths are women who could not afford their treatment, while a program existed to help but could not? At least 16 other states already do this.

Support the Pre-Existing Conditions and Other Patient Protections bill being introduced October 23.

Did you know?

Ohio ranks 6th in the United States in breast cancer mortality rates.

1710 women and 500 men will die from metastatic breast cancer in Ohio this year.

The mortality rate for non-Hispanic black women with breast cancer is 40 percent higher than that of non-Hispanic white women.

With only \$660,000 of state general revenue funds budgeted, in 2018, 4327 women were served by BCCP. This number is increasing and will continue with an additional \$350,000 in funding over the next two years. This still only serves 5-8% of the eligible population.

BCCP has provided nearly 200,000 mammograms and diagnosed 3,311 breast cancers since 1994.

BCCP has been shown to be effective in reducing breast cancer mortality among under/uninsured women with low-incomes.

For help referring constituents to resources, data, or patient experiences, please use your local Komen office as a resource.

