



FACTSHEET

Women's Wellness Connection

Background

Fewer Colorado women need Women's Wellness Connection (WWC) breast and cervical cancer screening services because of increased coverage required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Colorado Medicaid Expansion. Since ACA implementation, WWC-funded screenings have decreased by 33 percent to 74 percent from previous levels.

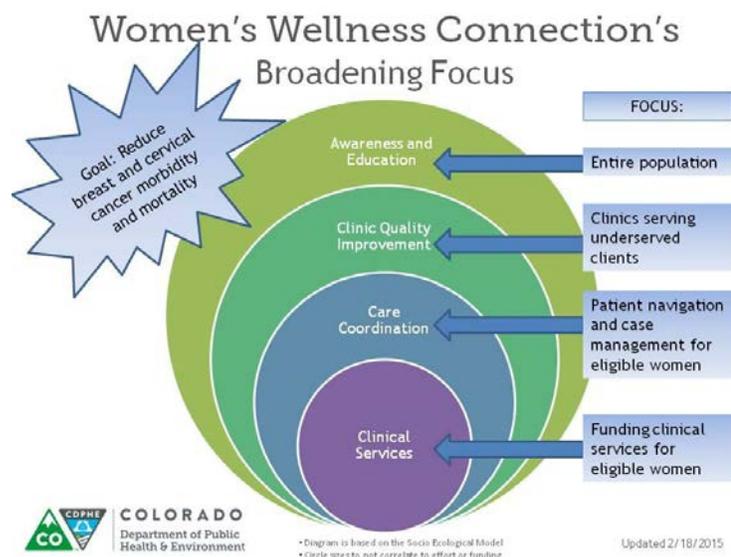
Despite increased coverage, many Colorado women still need WWC services. Some who are eligible have not yet enrolled and others "churn" through eligibility because of income changes. WWC conducted an ACA Readiness Survey of 40 of Clinical Services Contractors and learned this about client coverage:

- 63% have been screened for Medicaid eligibility
- 40% have been screened for insurance eligibility
- 63% have enrolled clients for Medicaid onsite
- 53% plan to have trained health coverage guides on-site to help clients enroll

Expanding Focus

WWC is broadening the program's focus to respond to coverage changes and still meet the long-term goal of reducing breast and cervical cancer morbidity and mortality. The program is adding contractors, expanding eligibility, implementing new program guidelines, supporting care coordination and expanding outreach.

- WWC funded three new contractors starting Fall 2014.
- WWC revised policies to more closely follow USPSTF Screening Guidelines.
- WWC is working with Health Care Policy and Financing to determine feasibility of lowering the age for cervical cancer screening.
- WWC is implementing contractor guidelines to assess insurance status and refer uninsured clients to Medicaid or subsidized health plan coverage.
- Starting in February 2015, WWC implemented care coordination for women who have insurance or are eligible for coverage and has coordinated breast and/or cervical cancer screening for 160 women.
- WWC has contracted with seven organizations to expand local outreach.



WWC is working to identify and understand the needs of low-income women.

