

Sage Screening Program

The Sage Screening Program is a statewide, comprehensive breast and cervical cancer control program whose primary objective is to increase the number of women who are screened for breast and cervical cancer.

What we pay for

The following services are free to eligible women at participating facilities. Special arrangements may be needed for some services—check with your Regional Coordinator. For reimbursable CPT codes, see rate schedule.

Screening services

- Office visit for breast and cervical exam
- Clinical breast exam (recommended but not required)
- Screening mammogram
- Pap smear: Every 3 years or every 5 years with HPV co-test age 40-64

Diagnostic services

- Office visit for breast or cervical services (i.e. for exam or results counseling)
- Diagnostic mammogram
- Fine needle aspiration of breast lump, including pathology reading
- Colposcopy, including biopsy
- Breast ultrasound
- Breast biopsy
- Diagnostic services for HPV testing and endometrial biopsies—refer to Provider Manual or call your Regional Coordinator

Age exceptions for breast services

Sage services are intended for women age 40 and older. However, we do recognize that there are some situations where services are indicated in younger women. If a woman under 40 has breast symptoms or a family history of breast cancer (self, parent, sibling, child) you can enroll the woman and Sage will cover her office visit and any other breast screening testing. If further follow-up is needed, the woman could also have a diagnostic mammogram, breast ultrasound, breast surgical consult or outpatient breast biopsy.

Who is eligible?

People who meet these criteria:

- Cervical cancer screening: ages 21-64
- Breast cancer screening: ages 40 and over
- Have no insurance or are underinsured**
- Income within guidelines (you do not need to verify income)

2023 Income Guidelines

Household number	Monthly income	Yearly income
1	\$3,038	\$36,450
2	\$4,108	\$49,300
3	\$5,179	\$62,150
4	\$6,250	\$75,000
5	\$7,321	\$87,850
6	\$8,392	\$100,700

Income estimating

Self-employed or farmers should use their net income after deducting business expenses. Since monthly incomes may vary, encourage clients to use a current or recent month's estimate of their monthly income after business expenses. No documentation is required.

**Underinsured includes:

- Insurance that does not cover screening or insurance with unmet deductibles or excessive co-payments.
- Women on Medicare may be enrolled to pay uncovered expenses associated with these screening or follow-up services.
- Women on Minnesota Medical Assistance (MA) do not need Sage coverage and are not eligible.