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### **October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** **MCDPH Offers Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings to those Eligible**

**Midland, MI** – In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Midland County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) would like to highlight the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). This program provides access to free breast and cervical screening services, follow-up care, medical referral, and cancer treatment for uninsured and underinsured women who are 40-64 years of age. Women ages 21-39 who are referred to BCCCP with an abnormal result from a Pap test or breast cancer screening may also be eligible for services. MCDPH is pleased to be one of many sites participating in this incredible program.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, with the exception of skin cancers. According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 264,000 cases of breast cancer in women are diagnosed each year in the United States. Sadly, around 42,000 women die each year from breast cancer. Having regular screenings for breast cancer is the best way to find the cancer early on. As with other cancers, early detection makes it easier for doctors to treat breast cancer successfully.

If you or a loved one are worried that you may not be able to afford breast or cervical cancer screenings, please contact us at (989) 832-6655 to discuss if you may qualify for the BCCCP program.

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References:

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