

The Sage Screening Program

What it Covers, What it Does Not Cover

Thank you for receiving your screening through the Sage Screening Program and joining the thousands of women in Minnesota who take care of their health by having regular breast and cervical cancer testing through this program.

It is important that you realize the Sage program will only cover screening and diagnostic services related to *breast and cervical cancer* (see “covered services” below). Your health care provider may suggest that you have other testing or services (for example, blood work, such as cholesterol check, urinalysis; other lab tests, STD tests, removal of moles/warts or cervical polyps, pelvic ultrasounds, etc). If you are offered tests or services not covered by Sage, you may refuse these services. *Sage will not pay for any services not listed below under “covered services” and you will be billed.*

COVERED SERVICES

Sage patients age 40-64 can receive the following services free of charge

- a screening office visit **every year** where a breast **AND** pelvic exam are provided
- a mammogram **every year** (a clinical breast exam is required)
- a Pap test **every 3 years OR every 5 years with HPV.**
(Please call us if your doctor recommends more frequent Pap tests).
- follow-up office visits and/or tests whenever there is an abnormal breast or cervical screening result
- Sage does not cover treatment, but uninsured Sage patients may be eligible for a program (MABC) that does cover treatment.

If you have *any* health insurance, we are required to bill your insurance first. If your insurance does not pay in full, Sage will be billed for covered services not paid by insurance. All Sage covered services are provided to you free of charge. If you receive a bill you think is a mistake, please call us at 1-888-643-2584.

If you are diagnosed with either breast or cervical cancer and do not have any health insurance, please contact our clinic for information about possible sources of financial assistance for coverage of treatment services. If you need additional services not covered by the Sage Screening Program, ask us what other resources might be available. If no other resources can be found, you may be responsible for the cost of follow-up care.

Ask if you are still eligible for the Sage Screening Program when you schedule your next yearly exam.

