

## Excerpt from the Sage Provider Manual

### 1. Eligibility

Patients\* must meet **all** four eligibility criteria listed below:

#### **A. 40 to 64 years of age.**

##### **Exceptions:**

- Patients under 40 years of age are eligible for breast cancer screening services under the following conditions: the patient is experiencing signs and symptoms that may be related to breast cancer (i.e. lumps, bloody nipple discharge, skin dimpling, inflammation) and screening is important to rule out this possibility; and/or the patient reports a family history of breast cancer in a first degree relative (parent, sibling, or child has had breast cancer; patients with a first degree relative diagnosed at a young age with breast cancer should begin screening within 10 years of their relative's age at diagnosis or as and the provider recommends breast cancer screening before age 40).
- Patients 65 years of age and older are eligible for breast cancer screening services under the following conditions: the patient is experiencing signs and symptoms that may be related to breast cancer (i.e. lumps, bloody nipple discharge, skin dimpling, inflammation) and screening is important to rule out this possibility.

#### **B. Have no insurance or be underinsured.**

Underinsured refers to eligible women who have any co-pay or deductible (**co-pays are not to be collected from Sage-enrolled women**). The primary insurance can be a commercial plan or MinnesotaCare. Patients with a Health Savings Account (HSA) are eligible for Sage. Sage will pay for screening services instead of the HSA. Patients with a Medicaid Spenddown may qualify for the Sage Program.

#### **C. A Minnesota resident.**

- Patients who live in Minnesota, either year-round or seasonally, are eligible for Sage Screening Program services if they meet the program's income and insurance guidelines.
- Patients who are not Minnesota residents should be referred to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program in their state of residence to determine eligibility for services in their own state's program. Phone numbers for other state programs can be obtained by calling 1-888-643-2584.
- Non-Minnesota residents from adjacent states are eligible for the Sage Screening Program if they meet Sage's income and insurance guidelines. These patients are NOT eligible for treatment coverage under the Minnesota Treatment Act and as a result of participating in Sage may become ineligible for coverage under their state's Treatment Act.

#### **D. Annual income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.**

Income guidelines change annually after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit the Sage website for current guidelines.

*\*Patients who were born female or who are transgender women (male-to-female), who have taken or are taking hormones and meet all other program eligibility requirements, are eligible to receive breast cancer screening and diagnostic services through the Sage Screening Program. All individuals eligible to receive Sage services will be referred to as "patients" throughout the remainder of this manual.*