

641—37.3 (135) Client eligibility criteria. An applicant for IA BCCEDP must satisfy the criteria outlined in this rule. If a woman does not meet these criteria, she shall be provided information by contracted county board of health designated agency staff regarding IowaCare, free care, or sliding-fee clinics available in the area in which she lives.

37.3(1) Age. An applicant for IA BCCEDP must satisfy only one of these criteria.

a. Women 50 through 64 years of age shall be the priority population to receive annual breast and cervical (if appropriate) cancer screening.

b. Women 40 through 49 years of age shall receive annual breast and cervical (if appropriate) cancer screening.

c. If symptomatic for breast cancer, women under 40 years of age shall receive services.

d. Women 65 years of age and older shall be eligible to receive annual breast and cervical (if appropriate) cancer screening if they do not have Medicare Part B coverage.

37.3(2) Income.

a. IA BCCEDP income guidelines are based upon 250 percent of the federal poverty level, which is set annually by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). New IA BCCEDP income guidelines will be adjusted following any change in CMS guidelines.

b. Self-declaration of income may be accepted.

c. Eligibility shall be based on net income for the household.

d. Assets shall not affect income status and shall not be counted when eligibility under the IA BCCEDP is determined.

37.3(3) Insurance.

a. IA BCCEDP shall determine a woman to be uninsured if the woman does not have health insurance coverage.

b. IA BCCEDP shall determine a woman to be underinsured if the woman has health insurance with unreasonably high copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance or the insurance does not cover IA BCCEDP-covered services.

c. Women who have Medicaid or Medicare Part B are not eligible. EXCEPTIONS: IowaCare, Medicaid with spenddown, Iowa family planning network.

37.3(4) Residency.

a. A woman must be a resident of Iowa or of a state that shall enroll a woman in the BCCT option of Medicaid if screened or diagnosed by the IA BCCEDP.

b. A woman who is a resident of a state that does not accept women into the BCCT option of Medicaid and who chooses to continue to receive services in the IA BCCEDP must be informed that she may not be able to have her treatment paid for by the BCCT option of Medicaid if she does not receive services in her state of residence.

c. Proof and length of residency in Iowa are not required.

37.3(5) Ineligible. IA BCCEDP does not provide coverage for:

a. Men.

b. Women with Medicare Part B coverage.

c. Women 39 years of age and younger unless they have symptoms of breast cancer.