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Health Department Breast, Cervical Cancer Program Passes Program Review

FAYETTEVILLE – The N.C. Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program at the Cumberland County Department of Public Health passed a program review by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health earlier this year. In addition, an internal audit completed June 12 found all patients in the program dating back to 2010 received follow-up notifications for cancer-screening findings.

NCDHHS, which conducts the program reviews every three years, used information from patient charts, electronic medical records, the hospital information system, staff members, log books and training manuals to identify 20 strengths within the program during fiscal year 2016 including:

- Abnormal findings are followed up promptly and adequately.
- Patients were informed of all test results, including normal findings.
- Results of all referrals, Pap tests and mammograms were in the patient record.

The Cumberland County Internal Audit Department conducted a review of mammogram and cervical screening result notifications during 2010-2015 and reported their initial findings to the Board of Commissioners Audit Committee on June 12. All patients received notifications of abnormal and normal mammograms and Pap smears. Eight patients with normal results were not timely notified, but this did not violate state requirements.

The Audit Committee has asked Internal Audit to continue similar reviews in other related clinics within the Health Department.

The BCCCP provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and follow up to eligible women. Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid provides cancer treatment funding for enrolled patients who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and who meet additional requirements.

A woman must be enrolled in the BCCCP prior to a cancer diagnosis to be eligible for Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid. The program served 307 patients at the Cumberland County Health Department in 2016.

The Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation, or WISEWOMAN, Project provides cardiovascular disease screening, intervention, counseling and referral services to women enrolled in BCCCP. The program provides low-income, underinsured or uninsured 40- to 64-year old women with the knowledge, skills and opportunities to improve their diet, physical activity and other habits to prevent, delay, or control cardiovascular and other chronic diseases. Eligible women receive services in the BCCCP clinic.

BCCCP and WISEWOMAN are funded by the Centers for Disease Control. Local health departments must meet compliance with the required performance indicators and program standards to receive funding.

The Cumberland County Department of Public Health was granted reaccreditation status May 19 by the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board, an independent entity whose members are appointed by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary.

If you would like more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health's programs and services, health-related data, or community resources, please call 910-433-3600 or visit with someone at the information desk, or visit our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx#. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health/comment_form.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. in Fayetteville.

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