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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Chair  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Norman H. Conway  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
121 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: 2013 Joint Chairmen's Report, Page 64 - Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program Enrollment Status

Dear Chair Kasemeyer and Chair Conway:

Pursuant to page 64 of the Joint Chairmen's Report of 2013, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department) respectfully submits this report on the status of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment Program's (the Program) enrollment and cost data. Specifically, the Joint Chairmen's Report requested that the Budget Committees be provided with an update on the Program's enrollment and cost data in two separate reports for fiscal year 2014 – one for the first half of the fiscal year and one for the second half. The first report was submitted in February. This is the second and final report.

The Program was established in 1992 to provide breast and cervical cancer diagnosis and treatment services to eligible Maryland residents. To be eligible for the program, a person must be a Maryland resident, have a breast or cervical problem requiring further diagnosis and treatment, be uninsured or underinsured, and have an income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty level. The Program reimburses the following providers throughout the state to provide diagnosis and treatment services to program participants: hospitals, physicians, pharmacies, medical laboratories, medical item suppliers, nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, physical and occupational therapists, and home health agencies. COMAR 10.14.02 regulates the Program within the Department.

The table below describes the number of unique clients served by quarter during fiscal year 2014. The total number of unique clients served in fiscal year 2014 was 2,803. The number of unique clients served includes clients who received one or more medical services during the period. The numbers for quarters one and two differ from the number of enrolled clients previously reported because not all clients enrolled in the program received a medical service. The Program's database is unable to be reliably queried for the number of enrolled patients for a given period due to the rolling enrollment of the Program. Patient eligibility is re-determined after one year of enrollment, and at that time data is overwritten in the database.

**Number of Unique Clients Served, Fiscal Year 2014**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Number of Unique Clients Served*</b>
Quarter 1 (July – September 2013)	1,448
Quarter 2 (October – December 2013)	1,386
Quarter 3 (January – March 2014)	1,320
Quarter 4 (April – June 2014)	1,152
<b>Total Clients Served (July 2013 – June 2014)</b>	<b>2,803</b>

\*Includes unique patients served through the Program as well as unique patients receiving diagnostic services through the BCCP Expanded Program.

The following table describes the cost of services by quarter during fiscal year 2014. The methodology to obtain this information differs from the previously reported *Cost of Processed Claims*, as the previous report submitted in February used data from the program on claims submitted for payment. The chart below is based on actual expenditures in the Financial Management Information System. In total, \$14,700,000 was expended by the Program in fiscal year 2014.

**Cost of Services, Fiscal Year 2014**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Quarter 1 (July – September 2013)	\$ 4,760,505.74
Quarter 2 (October – December 2013)	\$ 1,565,720.38
Quarter 3 (January – March 2014)	\$ 2,625,753.74
Quarter 4 (April – June 2014)*	\$ 5,748,020.14
<b>Total (July 2013 – June 2014)</b>	<b>\$14,700,000.00</b>

\*Note: Costs are increased in Quarter 4 due to increased claims processing in that quarter as a result of a back-log of claims that developed in Quarters 2 and 3.

**Projected Enrollment for Fiscal Year 2015**

Beginning in January 2014, expanded Medicaid coverage and federally subsidized plans purchased through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange became available. Subsequently, it is anticipated that over time, the number of unique clients served will decrease. However, providers may submit claims for clients receiving services through the Program up to twelve months following the date of service. Therefore, a delay in any reduction of the number of unique clients served is expected.

The total number of unique clients served in the first half of the fiscal year was 2,060. The total number of unique clients served in the second half of the fiscal year (after implementation of expanded Medicaid and the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange) was 1,776. This represents a decrease of 13.8%. Based on this decrease, it is projected that in fiscal year 2015, the number of unique clients served will total approximately 2,417.

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I hope that this information is useful. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Ms. Allison Taylor, Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs, at (410) 767-6481.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh M. Sharfstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D.  
Secretary

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