

## CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF THE FINGER LAKES REGION (CSP-FLR)

# PROGRAM UPDATES

- I. On April 1, 2020, the New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program updated the **reimbursement schedule** for services paid for by CSP-FLR. The updated reimbursement rates will remain in place until March 31, 2021.
- II. The **2020-2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines** have been updated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. To be eligible for the CSP-FLR, uninsured individuals must live in NYS, meet certain age requirements, and live at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- III. **Provider Site Visits:** The CSP-FLR team is in the process of contacting provider sites to talk about the billing and enrollment process for CSP patients, as well as to give providers updates on eligibility, case management, and follow up. The team seeks to answer any questions that medical providers may have about the program, and to cultivate open lines of communication between providers and CSP-FLR.

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



### American Cancer Society

“The American Cancer Society continues to deliver on its life saving mission towards a world without cancer amidst the COVID-19 global pandemic. We are proud to stand alongside the Cancer Services Program to ensure that patients have access to quality healthcare and screening programs.

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Additionally we are offering [virtual support options for patients](#) facing a cancer diagnosis and navigation of the complex healthcare system through our 24/7 patient hotline 1.800.227.2345 and cancer.org. Cancer doesn't stop and nor will we.”

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## Early Cancer Detection Saves Lives

Celebrate **National Cancer Survivors' Day** on June 7 by advocating for cancer screening! Testing for cancer or precancerous cells in people with no signs of sickness is called cancer screening. Screening tests can prevent cervical and colorectal cancers by finding abnormal cells before they become cancer so that they can be removed. Screening tests for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers can also find these cancers early, when it may be easier to treat. If a screening test does find something abnormal, diagnostic testing is the next step.



If an uninsured patient is diagnosed with breast, cervical, colorectal, or prostate cancer, the Cancer Services Program of the Finger Lakes Region is able to help the patient apply for the **Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program (MCTP)**. Once the individual is enrolled into MCTP, full fee-for-service Medicaid coverage is provided for the length of time treatment is needed. Recertification for MCTP is required annually. The CSP-FLR has three designated qualified entities (DQE) and works with others throughout the region. Normally, both the initial application and recertification must be done in person with a DQE. Due to COVID-19, there have been temporary changes in the process.

## WHAT DOES THE CSP OFFER?\*

- Clinical breast exams and screening mammograms for average risk uninsured women 40 and older.
- Pap and pelvic exams for average risk uninsured women 40 and older.
- At-home kits to screen for colorectal cancer for average risk uninsured men and women age 50 and older.

*\*Patients at high risk due to symptoms or a personal or family history of cancer may be eligible for testing at a younger age.*

## Life after Cancer

Advances in early detection and treatment has led to more people than ever before surviving cancer. Living with a history of cancer is different for each person. It is important for individuals with a history of cancer to follow-up with their doctors and plan for a long and healthy life. In some cases, individuals with a history of cancer experience a cancer recurrence. Recurrence means it is the same cancer coming back after a period of time.

Recurrence happens when cancer comes back because of cancer cells that may have remained in the body after treatment. Recurrent cancer may return in the same place that it first started (*local recurrence*), or it may come back in a different place in the body (*regional* or *distant recurrence*). It is not possible to know how likely it is for cancer to return, but cancer is harder to treat and more likely to recur if the cancer is fast growing and/or first detected at an advanced stage.

If you or someone you know has a personal history of cancer and is interested in survivorship support services, check out the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)) for local and online resources for survivors.

◇ **Are you interested in provider in-service education or education to your patients or clients?**

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Finger Lakes Region

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