

ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS (ABCD) ACT

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Ensuring No One Delays Care Because of Cost

Millions of people in the U.S. can access screening mammograms at no cost. However, when follow-up diagnostic or supplemental imaging is needed, patients often face hundreds to thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket costs. These unexpected costs create a dangerous gap in care. As a result, many patients delay or forgo essential follow-up testing, putting early detection and timely treatment at risk.



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In 2024, an estimated 1.1 million women delayed necessary diagnostic imaging due to cost



375K+

More than 375,000 women reported they may skip future mammograms due to fear of follow-up costs.

What the ABCD Act Does

The **ABCD Act** eliminates financial barriers to essential diagnostic care. The bill requires health insurance plans to **cover diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging with no out-of-pocket costs**, including:



**Diagnostic
mammograms**



**Breast
MRIs**



**Breast
ultrasounds**

These services are critical when:

- A screening identifies an abnormality
- A patient has **dense breast tissue**
- A patient is at **higher risk due to personal or family history**

Why This Matters for Patients



1. Earlier Diagnosis Saves Lives

Removing cost barriers ensures patients complete follow-up testing promptly, improving early detection and survival outcomes.



2. Reduces Loss to Follow-Up

Financial barriers disrupt the care continuum. Eliminating out-of-pocket costs ensures seamless transition from screening to diagnosis.



3. Advances Health Equity

Cost-sharing disproportionately impacts:

- Black women
- Hispanic women
- Low-income populations

The ABCD Act helps ensure **equitable access to timely diagnosis** for all patients.



4. Access Regardless of Insurance Type

Patients with high-deductible plans will no longer face financial barriers to essential diagnostic care.

Early detection only works if patients can afford the next step.

The ABCD Act closes a critical gap in care ensuring that **no one must choose between their health and financial security**.

Take Action:

Support the ABCD Act now. Breast cancer won't wait, and coverage for life-saving diagnosis shouldn't either.

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