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More Women Eligible for Free Mammograms and Pap Tests

(Salt Lake City, UT) - Women who are enrolled in the Utah Cancer Control Program are now eligible for Medicaid treatment funding. The Utah Department of Health announced today that with the passing of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act, Utah is one of the first six states to offer full Medicaid benefits to qualified women in need of treatment for breast and cervical cancers. To date, 25 women in Utah have been able to use this funding.

Kalynn Fillion, Utah Cancer Control Program health educator said, "This treatment option is a great benefit to our program. In the past we have only been able to provide breast and cervical cancer screening and then scramble to find charitable organizations to help women diagnosed with cancer. Now through Utah's Medicaid Program, funding for treatment is available."

In an effort to increase enrollment the program will give away artwork generously donated by local Utah artists for women who take advantage of these free screening services. Drawings for the artwork will be held at clinic locations statewide. The artwork will be displayed at the Utah State Capitol Rotunda October 11th, 2001, from 10:00 - 2:00pm and at Valley Fair Mall Center Court October 12-13th from 10:00-8:00pm.

Note to the media:

Please help us announce this event at a news conference at the Valley Fair Mall Center Court (3600 So. 2700 W. West Valley) October 12th at 11:00 a.m. The artwork will also be displayed at the Utah State Capitol Rotunda (210 State Capitol) October 11 and at Valley Fair Mall October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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The report recommends increasing treatment resources for children who witness intimate partner homicide, developing and implementing a public education campaign about domestic violence, and expanding the review of intimate partner violence homicides to include all domestic violence homicides.

Intimate Partner Homicide in Utah, 1994-1999 is available through the Utah Department of Health, Violence & Injury Prevention Program. Call 538-6864 to obtain a copy.

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