



Breast Cancer in Missouri

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, nearly one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer — the most common cancer in women — during their lifetime.

The good news is that many women will survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. The screening test for breast cancer — a mammogram — can help find the disease early when it's easier to treat. Although mammograms are readily available at many clinics and hospitals throughout the state, too many women do not have access to this basic health screening because they lack health insurance.

72,972
women in Missouri
would have access to
mammography screenings
through Medicaid reform.



Basic Breast Cancer Facts

There are an estimated 4,610 new cases of breast cancer that will be diagnosed in Missouri this year - early detection of those cases is critically important to survival.*

The older the woman, the more likely she is to get breast cancer.

White women are more likely to get breast cancer than women of any other racial or ethnic group.

African American women are more likely to die from breast cancer than white women.

*Cancer Facts and Figures 2014, American Cancer Society

