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**To: Local News Media**

**From: Central Michigan District Health Department**

**RE: CMDHD offers free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings to qualified women**

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**October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

This October, the Central Michigan District Health Department is proud to support National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – a time to promote regular breast cancer screening and early detection of breast cancer. About 1 in 8 women in the United States will get breast cancer. Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women. Regular screenings, including mammograms, can help find breast cancer early, when there is the best chance for treatment.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the number one cause of cancer death in Hispanic women. It is the second most common cause of cancer death in White, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American women. Annual mammograms are recommended for women age 40 and older, although doctors may recommend earlier screening for some women. Talk to your doctor about when you should begin having routine mammograms.

The Central Michigan District Health Department participates in the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program. This program provides free annual breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services to eligible women across the state. To be eligible for the program, a woman must be between age 50 and 64, have no insurance, and meet income requirements. Women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the program may be eligible for Medicaid for their treatment. For more information or to schedule an appointment for breast and cervical cancer screenings, contact your local CMDHD branch office.

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For more information about the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, please visit [www.michigancancer.org/bcccp](http://www.michigancancer.org/bcccp).

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