



## Arkansas Department of Health

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**Governor Mike Beebe**

**Paul K. Halverson, DrPH, FACHE, Director and State Health Officer**

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Dear BreastCare Provider,

Effective October 12, 2009 BreastCare will be providing limited services through January 3, 2010 due to a demand for services greater than our resources, an increase in the cost of services and declining revenues. It is anticipated that women will be able to enroll or re-enroll in BreastCare after January 3, 2010. However, if the financial situation changes and we are able to start enrolling women earlier than that, a communication will be sent out to that effect.

This will not affect newly diagnosed clients with breast or cervical cancer. Their appointments will be scheduled as usual. Symptomatic clients will be enrolled as program funds allow.

Women who currently have appointments scheduled before January 2010 should keep those appointments. If a woman has already had her clinical breast exam and/or Pap test, her mammogram appointment can be scheduled prior to January 2010. Follow-up appointments after abnormal results should be scheduled and/or kept.

If you have questions, call Tina Patterson, RN at 501.661.2018 or Dianne Crippen, RN at 501.661.2636.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Hager  
BreastCare Director