

Free breast exams in October

Free mammograms are provided at a number of area health facilities, both in October and throughout the year.

— Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey will offer free mammograms every day in October thanks to the Kathleen Jontz Breast Health Fund through the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation. If you are female, age 40-64 and underinsured or without health insurance, call (800) 248-6777 to register. Registration is required.

— Charlevoix Area Hospital and The Circle of Strength offers free mammograms to any person, any month, any day. Interested individuals may obtain a voucher at Charlevoix Area Hospital or

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at any of the hospital's satellite physician's offices.

This offer is extended to all patients. No health insurance is required. However, persons who have health insurance are asked to bring their identification card to the appointment for verification. Physician's orders are the only requirement. Vouchers are

available by www.cah.org, community education. For more information, call Kathy Jacobsen at 547-8906.

— The Health Department of Northwest Michigan offers free mammograms year-round to women age 40-64 who live in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties that meet certain

income guidelines.

The "Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program" covers the costs for any further diagnostic testing that's needed and the Medicaid Treatment Act covers cost of needed treatment. Call (800) 432-4121 for additional information or to schedule an appointment.