



## **Cervical cancer screening is an experience every woman should have**

January, 2015 – **“It was a wonderful experience,”** one client said about her visit to the Sage Clinic. This is not something you'd expect to hear from someone who just had a cervical and breast cancer screening, but it is the reason for this woman's praise. Because January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month, we want you know that this experience is available to every woman in Minnesota.

**“(Sage) has given me peace of mind while I didn't have insurance. Thank you all.”** *Sage client*

Sage makes it possible for EVERY woman to have this peace of mind. It comes from knowing you don't have breast or cervical cancer or that early detection has increased your chances for survival.

Sage helps woman without resources to cover the cost of screening. Though lack of insurance is less a problem now, many women who have a high deductible insurance plan can also use Sage for breast and cervical cancer screening, and it is free of charge.

**“I was very comfortable with the tech that did my mammogram. (She) was very gentle with a gentle personality.”** *Sage client*

Bloomington Public Health Clinic Manager, Karen Stanley, said, “Our Sage clinic staff has been helping women in the South Metro with breast and cervical cancer screenings for 17 years. They are very caring and know how to do their job well. That is why many women say wonderful things about the services at our Sage Clinic.”

### **What are Sage services?**

Bloomington Public Health works with the Minnesota Department of Health and the private health care system to provide Sage services to eligible women that include the following:

- An office visit for clinical breast exam and/or cervical exam
- Pap smear
- Screening mammogram (breast exam required)
- Interpreter services (ask when scheduling an appointment)
- Diagnostic services for those needing further evaluation

# City of Bloomington, Division of Public Health

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## Who is eligible?

All women who meet the following criteria are eligible:

- 40 years of age and older\*
- Either uninsured or underinsured\*\*
- Within program income guidelines\*\*\*

## Where is Sage located and how do I make an appointment?

- Sage is located at the Southdale Medical Center:  
6545 France Ave. S., Suite 480  
Edina, Minnesota 55435
- Call for an appointment: 1-888-643-2584

**“This is the best program with the most kind and caring people. Please keep this program in place.”** *Sage Client*

Women who have been to the Sage Clinic are our top spokespeople. They tell us Sage is “the best.” That is why we say cervical cancer screening is an experience EVERY woman should, and can, have.

\*Sage is available to women under 40 who have breast cancer symptoms or a family history of breast cancer (self, parent, sibling, child).

\*\*If a woman’s insurance doesn’t cover screening, or if she has an unmet deductible or co-pay, she can receive services through Sage. Her insurance will be billed and Sage will cover any unpaid charges.

\*\*\*Program income guidelines are based on the Federal Poverty Level. Call 952-922-2427 to find out if your income qualifies.