



Project Title: St. Bernard's BreastAssured III

Amount: \$89,723

Project Description:

Each year, women in Northeast Arkansas need breast health procedures for early detection of breast cancer. However, some women cannot afford these critical services and they do not qualify for other financial support. Like the successful BreastAssured in 2005-2006 and BreastAssuredPLUS in 2006-2007, BreastAssured III will continue to identify and provide these indigent women with digital screening mammograms, digital diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasound, ultrasound breast core biopsies and stereotactic biopsies. However, BreastAssured III will also provide funds for breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to help select treatment options. The time that expires between a woman's abnormal diagnostic mammogram and these procedures can be crucial to her health and well-being. BreastAssured III will enable a qualified woman to proceed immediately with any of these needed procedures rather than waiting until she can garner financial support. BreastAssured III presents a quality-based breast care screening continuum of care in one healthcare setting. Three community hospitals, 11 primary clinics – many in medically underserved areas, St. Bernard's Medical Center and the St. Bernard's Mobile Mammography Unit will promote this project among their patients and the people who live in the 17-county target service area. They will encourage patients who qualify to participate.

Service Area:

