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More Than \$200-Thousand Available for Cancer Screening

“Program Aids Underinsured and Uninsured Women in Three Counties”

The Cancer Services Program Partnership of Oneida-Herkimer-Madison Counties still has funding available to pay for cancer screenings including clinical breast exams, mammograms, Pap/pelvic exams and in-home colorectal screening, according to the Program Coordinator, Wendy Hunt.

“More than 200-thousand dollars is available to pay for services for eligible uninsured and underinsured men and women, Hunt said.” She added, *“It’s estimated that as many as 42-thousand people in the tri-county area we serve are uninsured and many may be eligible for our program.”*

Hunt says in addition to the screenings, some people may require follow-up treatment that could qualify for payment by the Cancer Services Program which is funded primarily through the New York State Department of Health’s Cancer Services Program and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The program targets uninsured and underinsured men and women between the ages of 40 and 64 years of age in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties.

“Early detection results in the best outcomes for most patients treated for cancer,” Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr. said. He added, *“No one should forego these valuable screenings because the costs are prohibitive so long as these grant funds are available.”*

For more information about the Cancer Services Partnership Program or to determine eligibility call **798-5248**.

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