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The Sedgwick County Health Department Recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer can be a deadly disease to women of all ages. Through early detection via clinical breast exams, mammograms and self breast exams, women can detect, fight and beat this disease.

While many women in Sedgwick County take care of themselves in regard to getting a regular mammogram, 23% of Sedgwick County women over the age of 40 have not had a mammogram in the last two years. (2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)).

If you do not have a health care provider or insurance, the Sedgwick County Health Department can help. Through the Early Detection Works (EDW) program, the Health Department offers breast (and cervical) cancer screenings for uninsured and income qualifying women age 40-64 years. Last year, 608 women were screened for breast and cervical cancer at the Sedgwick County Health Department through this program. EDW also offers referrals to other women.

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The Early Detection Works program can be reached at 660-7300 and is located at 2716 W Central. Call to schedule an appointment. Information is also available on the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org. Click on *Health Department* under *Quick Click and Go* in the top right corner of the main page.

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