# THERE ISN'T A GOOD REASON TO AVOID A BREAST CANCER SCREENING

Good Reasons to have your screening:	
Time	The whole exam only takes a few minutes.
Discomfort	Many women don't feel any discomfort. Some women only feel a little discomfort that lasts for only a few seconds.
Privacy	During the screening, only you and the technician are in the room.
Cost	The NALC Health Benefit Plan covers certain preventive care, like mammograms, at 100 percent when services are rendered by a PPO provider.

#### **Breast Cancer Facts:**

One in eight women will get breast cancer. In fact, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women.<sup>1</sup> With numbers like that, every woman should get screened.

The good news is, today there are fewer women dying from breast cancer.<sup>2</sup> This is likely because mammograms are helping women find the cancer earlier, when it's easier to treat.<sup>3</sup>

### What exactly is a mammogram?

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. It checks for lumps or tumors. During a mammogram, your breast is placed between two plates. The plates flatten the breast for a few seconds so the technician can take a quick x-ray. This simple x-ray can spot breast cancer in its early stages, making treatment easier and more successful.

#### Who should get a mammogram?

- Women age 50 through age 74. You should have a mammogram every two years.
- If you have risk factors. A family history of breast cancer or other factors may mean you need a mammogram – even if you're under 40.

If you have not had a mammogram within the past two years, please schedule your mammogram today.

#### Do a Self Exam

Perform a self-breast exam every month. For information on how to perform a self-breast exam, please visit www.nalc.org/depart/hbp search the Health Center – Health Tools for details on Breast Self-Examination. Remember to tell your doctor if you feel any lumps or changes in your breast.

## Where do I get my mammogram?

Start by calling your doctor to schedule your mammogram. If you want to find a PPO provider that offer this service, visit our website at www.nalc.org/depart/hbp and follow these easy steps:

- Click the High Option Provider Cigna tab
- Click the Healthcare OAP Online Provider Directory
- · Fill in these boxes you see on the screen
  - o Check mammography facilities
  - o Enter your full address or city, state, or zip code
  - o Enter the number of miles you want to travel to a facility
- Click Search

If you need help locating a PPO provider please call our toll-free number 1-877-220-NALC (6252). An associate will be happy to help you, 24 hours-a-day.

