



# SilverSummit Healthplan Notification: Project Accelerate (Breast Cancer Program)

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SilverSummit Healthplan has initiated a project that has been proven to save the lives of women diagnosed with breast cancer. This initiative is called Project Accelerate.

As you may be aware, the amount of time taken between the diagnosis of breast cancer by biopsy and initial treatment directly correlates with overall survival. This correlation is so strong that if treatment is delayed beyond 60 days after a biopsy, overall survival is decreased by 20%. And in Nevada, the average amount of time between a biopsy and initial treatment is between 68 and 74 days. This delay is due to a number of reasons, including waiting for referrals, authorizations, and appointment times.

Because preventable deaths are an unacceptable outcome, I knew we had to do something for SilverSummit members diagnosed with breast cancer. SilverSummit Healthplan has teamed up with Xpedite MD to shorten the diagnosis-to-treatment timeframe. A recent study done with Medicare patients in Las Vegas showed that the wait time can be decreased by at least 50% when using specialized tracking software and coordinating expedited care amongst the various providers.

Your patients will be followed through the program, and your office will receive regular updates on their progress through the continuum of care. Your patients will be monitored and guided, and all their questions will be answered in real time. And their appointments will be fast-tracked with the support of our Project Accelerate team.

SilverSummit Health Plan has partnered with Steinberg Diagnostics and Hope Cancer Center of Nevada for this initiative. **All SilverSummit Healthplan members should be referred to these providers to ensure they receive the benefits of this project.** A copy of this resource is also available at: [www.silversummithealthplan.com/Provider Notifications](http://www.silversummithealthplan.com/Provider%20Notifications).

Thank you,

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