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Phoebe Sumter to offer 50 free mammograms in honor of Mother's Day

Americus, Ga - In recognition of Mother's Day and as part of Phoebe Sumter Medical Center's commitment to promoting women's overall health, Phoebe Sumter will provide 50 free 3-D mammogram screenings throughout May. These screenings are available for women who are uninsured and in need of their annual mammogram.

The 3-D mammography procedure is similar to a traditional mammogram, but the key difference is that the tomosynthesis machine moves around the breast rather than staying stationary. During the 3-D exam, multiple low-dose images are captured from different angles, offering a more comprehensive view of the breast tissue. This advanced imaging allows radiologists to better detect and evaluate individual breast structures, reducing the risk of missing abnormalities due to overlapping tissue.

"Regular screenings are essential for early detection and prevention of breast cancer. Our cutting-edge 3-D mammography technology provides a more detailed and accurate view of breast tissue, helping us identify potential issues more effectively. We are committed to offering these free screenings to ensure that more women, especially those uninsured, have access to this vital health service," said Carlyle Walton, Phoebe Sumter Medical Center President.

To be considered for one of the free breasts tomosynthesis screenings, each applicant must meet the following criteria:

- not had a mammogram in the last 12 months
- age 40 or older
- not experiencing any breast problems, (if you are experiencing breast problems, contact your doctor immediately)
- uninsured
- not pregnant
- live in one of the following counties: Sumter, Schley, Macon, Marion, Dooly, Webster, Stewart, and Taylor.
- must have a referring physician

It is important to note that this event is only for initial mammogram screenings and does not apply to follow-up imaging. Breast cancer remains the most common cancer among women, other than skin cancer.

Appointments for the free screenings can be scheduled starting Monday, April 21, 2025, by contacting the Phoebe Patient Contact Center at 229-931-1375.

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