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**EXCELA HEALTH OFFERS WALK-IN WEDNESDAYS
FOR BREAST SCREENINGS**

GREENSBURG, PA, August 7, 2013 ... The National Cancer Institute recommends that women over 40 have a screening mammogram once every year. According to reports from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, only 50 percent of women age 40 to 85 have a yearly mammogram. This means that about half of all women are not taking the proper measures to protect themselves from breast cancer.

Among the highest reported reasons behind not getting a mammogram was a lack of available screening centers.

Excelsa Health has made screening mammography easy and available through a new program called Walk-in Wednesday. As long as it has been one year since their last mammogram, women can receive a screening mammogram without a prescription or an appointment on any Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at one of the following locations: Excelsa Frick Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Excelsa Square at Norwin in North Huntingdon and Excelsa Mountain View Medical Park in Unity Township. The program debuts August 14.

When women participate in yearly screenings, they are more likely to catch malignant tumors early, which can then lead to a quicker recovery from breast cancer, preventing it from reaching an untreatable stage. And those who do not find any tumor have peace of mind for one more year.

If insurance coverage is a concern, patients should call the Excelsa Health Call Center, 1-877-771-1234 prior to stopping in for a screening to request a voucher.

Adagio Health vouchers are accepted during Walk -in Wednesdays for annual screening mammograms.

Excelsa Health also offers screening mammograms and diagnostic mammograms by appointment at these three locations as well as Excelsa Latrobe Hospital and Excelsa Westmoreland Hospital. Those who are unable to make it to one of the participating locations on a Walk-in Wednesday should call 724-689-0100 to schedule an appointment for a mammogram screening.

To learn more about Excelsa Health's Breast Health Center, or other services, visit www.excelsahealth.org.