



## Now a Participating Provider with Medicare

**Breast Cancer affects us all. Every three minutes there is a diagnosis of Breast Cancer. With early detection and treatment Breast Cancer has a high cure rate.**

The YWCA Elmira & the Twin Tiers **Pink Boutique** is now a participating provider with Medicare. This billing ability will allow patients to receive post mastectomy supplies without paying upfront expenses. Allowable supplies may be now billed directly to patient's insurance.

The ability to bill Medicare is a result of a two year process by the YWCA to become nationally accredited by the American Board of Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics (ABCOP) which is mandatory for those wishing to participate with Medicare and other insurance companies.

*"We are proud to have met the requirements to be eligible to bill Medicare", stated Patricia Lambert, YWCA, CEO. "This is a significant benefit to area women who require post mastectomy supplies which we have here at the YWCA Pink Boutique. Many women are unable to pay for products up front and then wait for reimbursement. The ability to bill Medicare, allows women to shop from a large variety of products and not have to undergo additional financial stressors connected to cost of supplies. This will help to eliminate one more barrier as women and families cope with a breast cancer diagnosis", Lambert concluded.*

The YWCA Elmira and the Twin Tiers has been serving women and families in the fight against breast cancer for over 20 years through the Women's Breast Health program. The three-pronged program provides outreach and education, financial aid and the YWCA **Pink Boutique Shop** which enables women who have undergone surgery or treatment for cancer to shop for prosthesis, supplies and intimate apparel in comfort and close proximity to their homes by a trained certified fitter (RN, CFm.)

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