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**Program:** “Patient Navigation and Support Project”

**Program Summary:**

The Patient Navigation and Support Project is a program of the California Health Collaborative with funding from Komen for the Cure Sacramento Valley Affiliate. Project participation is available to uninsured, low-income breast cancer patients in the Sacramento Valley, and to uninsured, low-income symptomatic individuals not eligible for CDP: EWC in Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties. The Project provides practical support and financial assistance to ensure early detection of breast cancer, access to care, treatment compliance, and long-term survival. An English-Spanish bilingual Care Coordinator, Julie Ruiz, provides participants with emotional support, linkages to and coordination with a variety of financial and supportive services, guidance in securing coverage for treatment, and breast cancer early detection and prevention educational information through a toll-free telephone line. Project funding assists participants with transportation to breast health medical appointments and funds to pay for breast cancer diagnostics for low-income, uninsured individuals; and home/personal health support needs such as wigs, prostheses, food vouchers, and utilities payments for low-income diagnosed breast cancer patients. A minimum of 15 symptomatic patients will be assisted with breast cancer diagnostic services and a minimum of 40 diagnosed patients will be assisted with support services.