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**Project Renewal's ScanVan:  
Key Facts**

Project Renewal recently launched the ScanVan -- the nation's first mobile mammography/radiology clinic -- which is dedicated to serving poor and homeless New Yorkers. The ScanVan performs mammograms and clinical breast exams to screen for cancer, and tuberculin skin tests and chest x-rays to screen for tuberculosis. For all positive screenings, we also initiate follow-up treatment.

The ScanVan's serves poor and homeless New Yorkers citywide, regardless of whether they have medical insurance. We also offer uninsured patients assistance in obtaining Medicaid, including emergency Medicaid for those with positive diagnoses. The program will annually serve 5,000 patients.

The 40-foot ScanVan, which cost \$650,000, is equipped with top of the line digital chest x-ray and analog mammography units. Licensed by the federal, state, and city governments, the new mobile clinic delivers quality of care that meets the highest standards of the American College of Radiology.

**ScanVan Radiology: TB Screening for the Homeless**

- TB screening is required of homeless people in city shelters to be referred for housing.
- NYC accounts for 15% of all TB cases.
- Homeless people contract TB at a rate 11 times more than the general population.
- 46% of the city's homeless have positive tuberculin skin tests.
- Homeless people with positive tuberculin tests face several barriers-to-care, inhibiting access to diagnostic chest x-rays.

Working in partnership with New York City's Department of Homeless Services and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Bureau of TB Control), the ScanVan delivers TB screening, including chest x-rays, to City homeless shelters throughout the five boroughs.

- Screening 2,000 homeless people for TB each year.
- Ensuring that 100% of those with positive diagnoses are referred for treatment.

**ScanVan Mammography: Breast Health for Poor and Homeless New Yorkers**

- Poor and homeless women in NYC have little or no access to breast health services, particularly mammograms.
- Latina and African American women tend to be diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer, have more aggressive tumors, and suffer higher rates of cancer mortality.
- Several NYC neighborhoods are significantly underserved for mammography.

In partnership with the State Department of Health's Cancer Services Program and several of the city's Health Women Partnerships, the ScanVan provides breast health education, clinical breast exams, and mammograms at Community Health Centers and homeless shelters throughout the five boroughs.

- Screening 3,000 poor and homeless women annually.
- Targeting Latina and African-American women.
- Guaranteeing that 100% of patients with abnormal mammograms will receive their results, obtain emergency Medicaid, and be referred for care.
- Re-screening at least 60% of patients within 18 months.