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Free Health Care Services for Low Income Residents in Odessa R-VII School District

Access to quality health care will continue to be an ongoing challenge for underserved populations. In Odessa, there is help. The Access to Primary Care Program (APCP) will provide assistance to low income individuals and families who are at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

The program, supported by the Health Care Collaborative (HCC) of Rural Missouri, Red Cross Pharmacy, Neighborhood Clinic in Bates City and Live Well Health & Wellness Center in Waverly, covers office visits for people without insurance and copays for people with insurance – if they meet eligibility guidelines. Patients must live in the Odessa R-VII School District, and covered services can only include primary care visits and first-time prescription medications.

Excluded services are treatments for chronic illnesses, services for past visits and prescription refills. Fees for covered services are paid directly to the clinic or pharmacy. Assistance for the APCP is available for the amount of the office visit for those without insurance, or copay if the patient has insurance. Patients under age 18 are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

“The Access to Primary Care Program affords us an opportunity to close chasms where access to quality health care exists,” said HCC Executive Director Toniann Richard. “Collaboratively, our goal is to increase access to preventive care, create health care homes and reduce dependence on ERs for ailments that have gone untreated.”

If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, make an appointment at one of the above clinics. To determine eligibility, patients will need to bring an insurance card if insured, one form of identification (i.e. driver’s license, state ID, birth certificate) for themselves and/or dependents, show proof of income and proof of address.

APCP is funded by the Odessa Community Action Council.

For more information, contact the HCC at 1.877.344.3572 or visit HCCNetwork.org.

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