

Medical, Dental, Vision and Hearing

WV Health Right

WV Health Right's mission is to provide comprehensive, quality healthcare to impoverished uninsured/underinsured adults regardless of insurance or financial status. The number of uninsured, underinsured, and medically underserved West Virginians challenges the clinic to grow with its patient base. As Health Right secures a variety of resources, creates a caring environment, and provides quality comprehensive primary and specialty care, it works to make healthcare accessible to the thousands of West Virginians who call WV Health Right their medical home. Information about some of their clinic services is available below.

Medical

WV Health Right provides a caring, patient-centered system of care. Each patient is assigned to a medical team that monitors and tracks all aspects of the patients' health needs. Patients with chronic illnesses (e.g., diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular, etc.) will receive continuity of medical supervision and medications. Those patients with acute illness can receive care on a non-

emergency basis both on-site and at volunteer specialist's offices. WV Health Right's on-site pharmacy is one of the busiest in the state, filling over 300 prescriptions daily. To reduce wait time, patients must bring a prescription from their doctor or see a provider at the clinic. WV Health Right does not carry controlled drugs, narcotics, sedatives, tranquilizers, pain medications or sleeping pills. WV Health Right does not have every medication. If patients have their own doctor but need help getting prescriptions, Health Right can provide a list of medications available. Most physicians are familiar with the drugs stocked and will choose an appropriate medication. Health Right can fill from a written prescription or physicians may call the pharmacy direct at 304-414-5932. WV Health Right must have up-to-date household income information to fill prescriptions.

The James 'Tiger' Morton Catastrophic Illness Commission

This Commission was created during the 1999 regular session of the West Virginia Legislature to act as a last resort for those in dire need of medical

assistance during a life-threatening illness once all other resources are exhausted.

A catastrophic illness means there is an imminent risk of death if assistance does not occur. To be eligible for the funds, a patient must meet the following guidelines:

- Be a resident of West Virginia one year prior to the date of onset/diagnosis and have a condition that meets the definition of catastrophic illness, which means there is imminent risk of death if assistance does not occur and have exhausted all

other resources, including Medicaid and Hill-Burton Funds.

- An eligible applicant must apply for and be denied coverage by Medicaid, except in certain specific situations.

A few examples of covered expenses are:

- Proven and accepted medical procedures and treatments

- Transportation for the approved medical procedure to medical facilities for patient and one family member

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