

“Smith County Indigent Health Care Guidelines”

1. Hospitals must notify Indigent Health Care within 72 hours of admitting one of Smith County’s covered citizens.
2. If applicant can not provide social security card, tax bills, driver’s license and other appropriate documents to prove residence and citizenship, we will not cover.
3. Covered patients will only receive a 30 day supply of any medicine up to 3 prescriptions per month.
4. Covered patients will only receive 1 pain prescription per month.
5. Impotence Drugs will not be part of the program unless prescribed for other medical conditions.
6. Unless emergency, all services will be provided by Smith County facilities.
7. Follow the fraud policy guidelines.
8. Must be residence of county for minimum of 6 months.
9. Must see General Practitioner before seeing specialist unless emergency.
10. Andrews Center needs to accept clients faster. Some wait 2 years.
11. Use % of inpatient or outpatient services versus DRG costs.
12. All doctors should prescribe generic and non narcotic drugs where possible.
13. Re-qualify every month for questionable cases. All other 3 to 6 months.
14. Pay lowest available (Redbook or Medicaid) rates for prescriptions.
15. Train hospitals and pharmacy on qualifications.
16. Enforce maximum \$30,000/year for client or 30 day hospital stay.
17. Enforce Smith County is the payee of last resort.
18. In depth probing should be used in qualifying.
19. Applicant must provide verification of legal alien status. (Voter registration, SS Card, etc). If SSN is used then it must be verified with call to Social Security office.
20. Only medical procedures that are required for the patient’s health will be allowed.
21. For medical facility services, the facility with the lowest cost (inpatient charges less discount) will be use.
22. Establish co-pay for all hospital visits.