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Free community clinics and health care centers.

Community clinics are a great place to turn to for either free or low cost health care. The centers are located in every state across the nation, and the thousands of centers cover the majority of the American population. The clinics will usually provide health care regardless of a patient's ability to pay for their medical bills, and they will rarely turn anyone away.

Most community clinics and health care centers are focused on providing medical care to the low income and people who either do not have health insurance, or who have limited health care coverage. The fee arrangements will also vary by each center, but the most common arrangement is what is known as a sliding fee scale. This means that the community clinics will provide its services and charge the patient only what they can afford to pay. So if someone has zero or close to no income, their medical care will be free or it will be offered at an extremely low rate. But if someone has a limited income, they may need to pay a small percentage of the total bill for the medical care that was provided to them.

Type of medical care from clinics

The type of medical care and services provided by these clinics will vary by state, county, and clinic. For example, some of the facilities may offer dental care, prescription medications, general checkups, immunization shots, referrals to specialists, and more. However if someone is interested in what is provided at a specific community clinic they will need to call the health care center and ask what is offered, will the service be free or have a cost, how does the application process work, and other applicable questions.

Community clinics and health care centers are not the only options that the low income, working poor, and uninsured have. Other programs and resources are also available. They can be offered by non-profits, drug companies, government assistance programs, and other agencies. Many of the services operate nationwide, and will help patients in all parts of the country.

Health care from free community clinics in Ohio.

Low income patients, and Ohio residents with no health insurance, or limited health insurance, may be able to get free or low cost medical care from community clinics located throughout Ohio. If you are interested in exploring their services you will need to call the clinic for more information.

In general they will provide general checkups, immunizations, and some primary health care services. Some of the locations may offer dental assistance and prescription medications. The fees will usually vary based upon the patients income. So if their income is low enough, or they have no health insurance, then the care and medications may be free. However some clinics may

offer medical care on a so called sliding fee scale, which means people pay some money towards their medical bills.

Locate other ways to get help with financial matters, including health care, from your county. Click here.

In addition find an extensive listing of dental clinics and centers across Ohio that may offer free dental care. Read more.

Butler County

Oxford College Corner Clinic P.O. Box 390 Oxford, Ohio 45056 513.524.5426

Clinton County

Free Clinic of Clinton County, Inc. 62 East Sugartree Street Wilmington, Ohio 45177 937.383.3382

Clinics in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

The health centers below may offer Cincinnati and Hamilton County Ohio families access to low cost, or maybe even free, medical or dental care. Most of the clinics and hospitals have in place a sliding fee scale which in effect will bill patients only what they can afford to pay. So if their income is low enough, or if they do not have any health insurance, some Hamilton County Ohio families may in effect get free health care.

The types of services offered will vary based on center. However they can range from family health care up through dental services, education, general medical care, prescription drugs, podiatry, child care, and referrals. Many of the clinics in the Cincinnati Ohio area can also refer individuals to specialists, local hospitals, or other medical centers that may offer much more extensive assistance, often for free or reduced rates as well.

Healthsource Of Ohio - Eastgate Pediatrics

Clinic address - 4357 Ferguson Drive Suite 150 Anderson, Ohio 45245 Phone number - (513) 753-2820

Cincinnati Health Department – This is the local Hamilton County agency that will offer the most programs and assistance. Patients who are homeless, have no insurance, are low income, unemployed, or who are facing difficult times may be able to get billed lesser amounts on their bills. Some may qualify for free care too. Call them for checkups,

immunizations, dental cleanings, medications, and other basic health care. Phone number is (513) 263-8750, and locations are

• Cann Health Center

5818 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

• Clement Health Center

3101 Burnet Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45229

• Elm Street Health Center

1525 Elm Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Millvale Health Center

2750 Beekman Street Cincinnati, OH 45225

• Northside Health Center

3917 Spring Grove Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

• Price Hill Health Center

2136 West Eighth Street Cincinnati, OH 45204

• Crest Smile Shoppe Dental Clinic

612 Rockdale Avenue Avondale Boys & Girls Club Cincinnati, OH 45229

• McMicken Dental Center

40 East Mcmicken Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45210

Neighborhood Health Care – Another health center with multiple locations and community clinics. Call them to learn more information about family care, prescription assistance programs, lab work, and other medical aid.

Evanston Health Center - Walnut Hills

Address to stop by is 2805 Gilbert Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45206 Dial (513) 221-4949

A second location is 2415 Auburn Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45219

Call (513) 241-4949 for information or an appointment.

Sharonville Health Department

Location – 10900 Reading Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

Dial the center at (513) 563-1722.

Basic family and child health care offered. A sliding fee scale is in place for qualified patients.

Winton Hills Medical & Health Center In Med City West

Location of clinic is 1202 Linn Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Administrative phone number is (513) 631-7100

Winton Hills Medical & Health Center

Health center address – 5275 Winneste Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 Dial (513) 242-1033 Medical care offered for the less fortunate in Hamilton County Ohio.

Hamilton County

University Family Physicians Race Track Clinic 2123 Auburn Avenue, Suite 340 Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 513.721.2221 Ext. 15

Clinics in Dayton and Montgomery County Ohio.

Community clinics in Montgomery County Ohio may be able to offer free or low cost primary physician care services to patients of all income and all age groups in the region. Most of the health care centers offer variable fees and a sliding fee schedule for low income and uninsured, and most will provide some form of medical care regardless of the individual's ability to pay their bills.

Some of the services offered to Dayton and Montgomery Ohio residents include prescriptions, immunizations, physicals, vision and hearing screenings, and treatment for acute, repetitive, or chronic illnesses. Typically the clinics will have appointments and walk-in services offered for patients, and it is suggested that people call for walk-in hours and more information of the free medical or dental programs administered.

Adolescent Wellness Center

Address - 141 West Third Street Dayton, Ohio 45402 Dial - (937) 222-9355

This location focuses on offering free services to children, teenagers, and young adults, and the health care is tailored towards their needs.

Aids Resource Center Ohio

15 W Fourth Street Suite 200 Dayton, OH 45402 AIDs patients and HIV positive can contact this health center.

Charles R Drew Health Center

Community clinic address - 1323 West Third Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402
Telephone number to call for appointment and referrals is (937) 225-4023

Good Neighbor House

844 South Patterson Blvd. Dayton, OH 45402 (937) 224-3003

The low income, seniors, homeless, and other can get advice and/or medical and dental care. Patients may need to pay a minimal amount towards their bills if they meet income and insurance requirements established by this Montgomery County clinic.

Muslim Clinics of Ohio

Location - 23 E Foraker St. Dayton OH 45401 937-258-2000

Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County

Clinic address- 117 S. Main Street Dayton, Oh 45402 Dial (937) 225-4550

Government supported and funded agency. Offers social services, government health care, help in applying for programs, and referrals to local hospital and centers. A great place for information, advice, and support of emergency medical expense assistance. There are several different clinics and health centers around Dayton and Montgomery County, and they are listed below. Every year thousands of low income, unemployed, and seniors receive medical care from the public health care clinics.

Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County Community Child Health Center East, Community Child Health Center

25 Thorope Drive Dayton, Oh 45420 (937) 258-6330

Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County Community Child Health Center West, Child Health Services

2166 Gettysburg Avenue Dayton, OH 45406 (937) 496-7155

Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County East Dayton Health Center

Neighborhood Health Centers 2132 East Third Street Dayton, Ohio 45403-1930 (937) 208-6850

Reach Out Montgomery County

Office - 25 E. Foraker Dayton, OH 45409 (937) 258-2000

Reach Out For Kids Pediatric Clinic - Samaritan Homeless Clinic

Phone number - (937) 258-2000

921 S. Edwin C. Moses Boulevard Dayton, Ohio 45417 Medical care aimed at children, babies, and young adults.

Clinic For The Homeless

(937) 461-1376

Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton

1323 W 3rd St.

Dayton Ohio 45402

Phone number 937-586-9733. Call for hours and appointments.

Comprehensive dental and medical care offered at this government certified clinic.

Receive some form of support, checkups, or referrals from this health center.

Montgomery County

Good Neighbor House 844 S. Patterson Boulevard Dayton, Ohio 45402 937.224.3003

Reach Out of Montgomery County

25 E. Foraker Street Dayton, Ohio 45409 937.258.2000

Statewide Ohio assistance programs and services

Not only can Ohio families turn to community clinics, but they do have other places they can turn to for financial help, grants, and assistance.

- Ohio utility and heating bill assistance. Click here
- Ohio HUD foreclosure prevention
- Mortgage and foreclosure programs in Ohio
- Ohio free legal assistance. Find more information
- Ohio free food pantries and banks
- Ohio Section 8 housing. Read more

Amelia

43 E. Main St. Amelia, OH 45102-1993 513-576-7700

BATAVIA FAMILY PRACTICE & OB/GYN

2245 Bauer Rd. Ste A Batavia, OH 45103-1977 513-576-7700

EASTGATE PEDIATRICS

4357 Ferguson Dr. Ste 150 Cincinnati, OH 45245-1684 513-576-7700

LINCOLN HEIGHTS HEALTH CENTER

1401 Steffen Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45215-2338 513-483-3085

CATHERINE BOOTH HOME

6381 Center Hill Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45224-1709 513-641-0862

WINTON HILLS MEDICAL AND HEALTH CENTER, INC.

5275 Winneste Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45232-1130 513-242-1033

EAST END HEALTH CENTER

4027 Eastern Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1747 513-221-4949

WALNUT HILLS/EVANSTON HEALTH CENTER

3036 Woodburn Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45206-1416 513-221-4949

FOREST PARK HEALTH CENTER

924 Waycross Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45240-3022 Phone number - 513-483-3085

Centerpoint: Hamilton Avenue

5837 Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45224-2923 513-483-3085

The HealthCare Connection

4968 Glenway Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45238-3902 Not Available

WEST END HEALTH CENTER

HEALTH CARE HELP

1413 Linn St. Cincinnati, OH 45214-2605 513-242-1033

ELM STREET CLINIC

1525 Elm St. Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-6957 513-221-4949

MCMICKEN DENTAL CLINIC

40 E. McMicken Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45202-6549 513-961-0600

HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

112 E. Liberty St. Cincinnati, OH 45202-6510 513-961-0600

FREESTORE/FOODBANK

112 E. Liberty St. Cincinnati, OH 45202-6510 513-961-0600

HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

112 E. Liberty St. Cincinnati, OH 45202-6510 513-961-0600

CROSSROADS HEALTH CENTER

5 E. Liberty St. Cincinnati, OH 45202-8202 513-381-2247

CENTER FOR RESPITE CARE

3550 Washington Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45229-2618 Call for help - 513-961-0600

CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

522 Maxwell Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45219-2408 513-483-3085

NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CARE

2415 Auburn Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45219-2701 513-221-4949

SAMARITAN HOMELESS CLINIC

41 Catherine St.
Dayton, OH 45402-2601
937-461-1376

GREENFIELD FAMILY PRACTICE

1075 N. Washington St. Greenfield, OH 45123-9780 Phone for health care - 513-576-7700

FAMILY HEALTH

828 Central Ave. Greenville, Ohio 45331-1206 937-548-3806

FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES OF DARKE COUNTY

5735 Meeker Rd. Greenville, OH 45331-1180 937-548-3806

HAMILTON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

210 S. 2nd St. Hamilton, OH 45011-2812 513-425-8330

Hillsboro Health Center

104 Erin Ct. Hillsboro, OH 45133-8591 513-576-7700

GOSHEN FAMILY PRACTICE

1507 State Route 28 Loveland, OH 45140-8413 513-576-7700

MIDDLETON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

930 9th Ave. Middletown, OH 45044-5530 513-425-8330

MT. HEALTHY FAMILY PRACTICE CENTER

8146 Hamilton Ave. Mount Healthy, OH 45231-2324 513-728-3998

VERSAILLES MEDICAL CENTER SITE

10484 Kley Rd. Versailles, OH 45380-9561 Number - 937-54

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE FAMILY PRACTICE

1450 Columbus Ave. Ste 203 Washington Court House, OH 43160-3701 513-576-77008-3806

Free or discounted prescription drug programs.

Free prescription drugs – Many drug companies, non-profits, and government programs offer free or very low cost prescription medications to income eligible patients. Learn more on free prescription medications.

There are numerous prescription drug assistance programs available from drug companies, from your county, state, and the federal government, and from other organizations. You may be able to get free or low cost prescription drugs and other medications. Also, find out how many drug companies and doctors say you can split pills to save 50% on prescription drugs.

Information on free medications

Find prescription assistance programs for your state. Most states offer a wide variety of programs that will provide free or heavily discounted prescription drugs to residents.

- A free discount prescription drug card that is offered by many county governments will save consumers about 20-40% on all of their medicines and prescription bills. More.
- **Together RX Access** is a recently launched free prescription drug savings program for families and individuals who lack prescription drug coverage. It allows families to save substantially on their medicines. More Together Rx Access.
- Patient Assistance Programs are offered by many pharmaceutical and drug companies, such as Merk, Eli Lilly, and Pfizer to provide free medications to families that can't afford to buy their own medicine. Click here fore information on Patient Assistance Programs.
- Community Action Agencies will often have resources and programs that can provide low to moderate income families with free or heavily discounted prescription medications. They can also refer patients to other programs. Some of them may even have clinics that offer free health care services. Learn more.

- **RX Outreach** is a top rated patient assistance program (PAP) that is offered by pharmacy benefit manager Express Scripts to help people save on prescription medications.
- Free Prescription Drugs for Cancer Bills If you have been diagnosed with cancer, there are numerous grants and non-profit organizations that can provide you with free medications and cash grants. Click here to read more.
- Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps patients who do not have prescription
 insurance coverage get the medicines they need, for free or low cost, through various
 programs. Continue.
- **NeedyMeds** helps people who can't pay for medicine or other healthcare costs get help for paying their medical bills and debt. Read more on NeedyMeds.
- The HealthWell Foundation provides assistance with paying for prescription drugs. Some of the assistance they provide includes help with copayments, prescription drug coinsurance, as well as deductibles.
- The Patient Advocate Foundation provides access to health care, free prescription medicines, and other medical assistance. People who need help or may be experiencing a medical emergency may be eligible for this program.
- The **Dispensary of Hope** is a program that works with numerous local government organizations, health care clinics, and charity organizations to help uninsured residents get their medication free of charge. Click here.
- Recently, many web sites have been created that consumers can use to find ways to compare
 prices, help patients find free or discounted prescription drug medications, or locate affordable
 health insurance plans. Almost all of the sites are free to use. Click here for a list of sites that can
 help you in your search for medications.
- Another plan that can save people hundreds of dollar per year on their medications is the **Humana Walmart-Preferred Rx Plan (PDP)**. It is estimated that this program can save patients almost \$500 per year on their prescription drugs. The plan premium and co-payments are the lowest available. Learn more on the Walmart Humana prescription plan.
- Patients will **save on average 34%** on their medication from the **FamilyWize** prescription drug discount card. The card is free, there are no applications to complete, and no income restrictions. Get more information on FamilyWize prescription discount card.
- Chronic illness or medical condition Two non-profits, Medco Foundation and Dispensary of
 Hope (DOH), are partnering with community clinics and pharmaceutical companies to provide
 free medications to the low income and uninsured, providing they have a chronic illness. Receive
 prescription drugs for heart conditions, diabetes, and other recurring conditions. <u>Click here</u> for
 more details.

If you need help with paying medical bills, or if you need **free or discounted prescription drugs**, you need to take advantage of the programs out there, as there are ways to get help and save a substantial amount of money. You need to take the time to complete the research to find the programs and to get help.

Financial help with medical bills.

Medical bills – Several non-profit agencies can provide grants or financial assistance to patients to help them pay medical and hospital bills, cancer expenses, and more. Learn more on medical bill financial assistance.

There are numerous non-profits organizations that can provide financial assistance with medical bills, prescriptions or health care expenses. Many of the organizations focus on patients who are chronically ill or have a significant health care issue. The programs are also for people who either do not have any health insurance, who are low income, or whose dental or health insurance plan is limited in what it covers or pays for.

The number and types of services offered by these non-profits will vary widely. It will depend on the applicants household income, the assets they have in their name, the type of illness or disease the patient has, and also it will depend on the current funding of the non-profit agency.

Below is an extensive listing of the non-profits and charity organizations that people can contact for financial help for paying their bills, receiving prescription drugs, get access to counseling, advice, and information on programs and resources that are available.

Medical bill copayment assistance organizations

Alliance of Claims Professionals - This is a not-for-profit national organization that is focused on reviewing and challenging, if need be, medical and health insurance claims. Among other services, they can negotiate with health care providers and ensure patients are billed properly for their procedures, medications, and treatment. **More**.

Chronic Disease Fund - May be able to pay the out of pocket costs for people who have insurance but are faced with a chronic disease or cancer. Call (877) 968-7233

Healthwell Foundation - Their goal is to ensure no person goes without access to health care because they can't afford to pay the resulting medical bills and debts. Eligible patients may be able to get financial help for paying for coinsurance, copayments, and health insurance premiums for important medical conditions. Click here for more information.

Patient Access Network - Tens of thousands underinsured patients receive financial assistance from this organization. The programs offered will help those who can't afford the copayments for their chronic disease medications or cancer. Learn more.

Patient Advocate Foundation - They may be able to provide patients with access to assistance including arbitration, negotiation, mediation, and debt settlement. These services may help people settle issues regarding access to health care, job retention, and medical debt which are related to their illness. More on financial assistance from the Patient Advocate Foundation.

Patient Services Inc. - Qualified individuals may be able to receive assistance with paying for health insurance premiums or co-payment assistance. The non-profit may be able to provide help and cash grants for many different types of illnesses, and they try to offer many types of financial assistance for qualified individuals. **Continue**.

Non-profits that focus on cancer patients

These non-profits may tend to focus on patients with various types of cancer, but people with other chronic medical conditions may be able to qualify for aid as well.

CancerCare Co Payment Assistance Foundation - This group may be able to help people afford to pay their health insurance co-payments to cover the cost of prescription medications and drugs for treating cancer. More.

Cancer Care Inc. - This national organization offers free counseling and a wide variety of professional support services to anyone whose life is impacted by cancer, including the patient with cancer, their loved ones, caregivers, children, and even the bereaved. Limited financial assistance be available in certain cases as well. Get more information on Cancer Care Inc.

Life Beyond Cancer - The mission of this organization is to provide financial assistance and grants to help cancer patients and their families pay everyday living expenses and bills. For example, Life Beyond Cancer may be able to help a cancer patient pay their mortgage, cover transportation costs, rent, and child care expenses. Read more.

Prescription drug assistance from non-profit organizations

Many different national non-profit organizations can provide either financial assistance, vouchers and grants to help people pay for prescription drugs. Or they may directly provide free or low cost medications. Many of the major pharmaceutical companies also have charity type organizations and foundations that offer medications to the low income, unemployed, and people who do not have health insurance.

Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation - This organization will provide medications from Abbot to people who are facing a financial hardship or emergency. Learn more.

Dispensary of Hope - The social serevices organization helps the low income and tries to ensure they have ongoing access to prescription medication. Learn more.

Eli Lilly - This drug manufacture runs a non-profit organization that goes by the name of the Lilly Cares Foundation, Inc. Tens of thousands of low income people receive free medications each and every year. More on Eli Lilly.

GlaxoSmithKline - They offer their own patient assistance program, and also partner with national non-profits and charities. Find details on **GlaxoSmithKline** prescription assistance programs, and how the services they offer help tens of thousands of patients per year.

Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation - Different services are offered, including the Janssen Ortho Patient Assistance Foundation and Access2wellness. Both of these resources can provide medications from J&J. Learn more on Johnson and Johnson patient assistance programs.

Merck Helps - Two different resources are offered for the uninsured, low income, unemployed, and others who are facing a financial crisis. Both of these programs will offer qualified patients

access to a wide variety of medications and prescription drugs from Merck. Find more information.

National Association of Counties (NACo) - A discount drug card is offered by this organization. Counties across the country have partnered with CVS Caremark to provide savings to consumers. On average patients will save 35% on their medications. Not all counties offer the card, but for those that do there is no cost involved to get it. It is free to consumers. Continue.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance - This group can help patients get free or low cost prescription medications. They work with hundreds of government programs and drug companies. Get more information on financial assistance and how to get free medications from Partnership for Prescription Assistance.

Pfizer - Several financial assistance programs are offered by different non-profit branches of this pharmaceutical company. They can provide medications for the unemployed, low income, and patients who do have health insurance or whose coverage lacks prescription coverage, and others. Click here for more Pfizer assistance.

Rx Outreach - This relatively new non-profit charity organization offers hundreds of medications for free or low cost to low income and the uninsured. They cover patients in all parts of the country. More.

TogetherRx Access - Many drug companies, national non-profits, and other businesses have partnered with this organization. TogetherRX Access provides consumers with a free prescription discount card, which allows them to save anywhere from 20-50% on the costs of their medications, and it is accepted in almost all pharmacies across the country. The card is free to use, and there is no cost to sign up for it. Learn more on the discount drug card.

Free prescription glasses and exams.

Eyeglasses - Various non-profit organizations can provide free exe exams and or prescription glasses. Read more on the programs.

There are four non-profits that can provide free prescription eyeglasses and examinations. These organizations focus their services on the low income, working poor, unemployed, and people with limited or no health insurance. The first non-profit agency is New Eyes for the Needy, and this group will provide free prescription glasses. The second, VISION USA, can provide free vision care, eye exams, and glasses in certain cases. EyeCare America is part of the American Academy of Ophthalmolog. And the last, Sight for Students, focuses it services on low income and uninsured children.

Glasses from New Eyes for the Needy

Low income, the working poor, and indigent individuals may be able to receive free eyeglasses from this national non-profit organization. They accomplish this goal be administering a voucher program and also partner with various charities and local social service organizations.

New Eyes for the Needy can provide prescription eyeglasses for the low income and indigent people across the country through a voucher program. Individuals will need to apply for assistance. Children, the elderly, and working poor are just some of the people who can receive help.

Applicants will need to be in financial need and also have had a recent eye exam. In addition the applicant can't have any other resources or assistance programs available to them to pay for the glasses. For example, they can't have any other options or pogroms at their disposal, which include but are not limited to state or federal government programs, or they can't be able to receive assistance from local charitable or non-profit organizations.

If you apply and meet the programs criteria, you may receive an eyeglass voucher through a local charity or social service agency in your community. The non-profit also works with schools, and therefore a school nurse may be able to provide the voucher from New Eyes for the Needy.

After applying for assistance and being provided with a voucher, clients will then be able to present a New Eyes eyeglass voucher to any one of a number of participating local eye doctors or optical dispensers. These locations will then proceed with fitting the client with the proper prescription eyeglasses that will be free of charge to the patients. The dispenser or doctor will then receive reimbursement directly from New Eyes.

To find a social services agency to apply at for free prescription glasses in your area, dial **New Eyes for the Needy** at 973-376-4903.

Exams, vision care, and eyeglasses from VISION USA

If a patient has no other programs available to them, then VISION USA may be able to help. This non-profit organization provides exams, vision and eye care, and may even occasionally have glasses for individuals who do not have health insurance and who are not eligible for any state or federal government assistance programs.

VISION USA is a non-profit organization that is made up of thousands of doctors of optometry who donate their time, services, and medical care to the low income, unemployed, and uninsured families and individuals.

You will need to apply for help. If after applying, if you are found to be qualified for assistance you may be eligible to receive services from a local eye doctor.

Patients will provided the information on and partnered with one of the many volunteer doctor of optometry who are located around the nation and in your local community. They will provide the patient with a free, high quality, comprehensive eye exam at no charge to the individual. While

currently a c contact lens exam and / or contacts are not available through the VISION USA programs, free eyewear may be provided at no cost to the client or for a small fee/donation in some states under certain conditions and situations.

To apply for a free eye exam or glasses, call **VISION USA** at 1-800-766-4466.

Sight for Students

Low income and children who are not coverage by health insurance may be able to get a free eye exam and glasses from the charity organization Sight for Students. Over 50,000 children receive assistance every year.

This charity program provides its services across the nation in partnership with numerous local community partners, doctors, schools, and social services agencies that all work together to identify identify children in need of eye care of glasses. Qualified children may be eligible to to receive a free comprehensive exam, glasses and/or corrective lenses if through the non-profit Sight for Students organization.

Dial 1-888-290-4964 to contact **Sight for Students** to find a participating optometrist or doctor in your area that can provide free eye exams to your child.

Information from EyeCare America

This organization, which is the foundation that was created as part of American Academy of Ophthalmology, provides information and referrals. They partner with organizations and together they may be able to offer eye care programs to the low income, working poor, and those who have no other options, such as government assistance or health care.

The doctors and medical professionals that are part of **EyeCare America** may be able to offer low cost or free eye exams and also up to one year of ongoing eye care to through a partnership of volunteer ophthalmologists (EyeMDs). As indicated, most of the services, including information on eye glass and contact lens programs, are usually offered for free or at a very low cost to patients. Call 877-887-6327

National Eye Care Project

This non-profit organization, which can be reached at 1-800-222-3937, runs a programs (that is available nationwide) that will refer patients to an ophthalmologist or eye doctor who at no cost will provide a free eye exam and, in addition to the initial tests and exams, will also offer up to one year of free follow-up care for any condition you are diagnosed with at the exam. They are also aware of programs that can offer free contact lenses, prescription glasses, and other eye care products that you may need.

Find free health care and assistance programs.

Free health care programs - There are resources that are in addition to the community clinics below. For example, learn about free services from pharmaceutical companies, government programs, United Way supported organizations, and more. Click here.

There are a wide variety of free health programs offered by companies, charities, clinics, and other organizations that will help you to receive high quality medical care that is completely free of charge.

Community Clinics and Health Care Centers - Every year millions of people use a community clinic in their area to receive free or low cost, yet high quality medical or dental care. Depending on a patients income, some care will be free, while some people may need to pay a minimal fee. No one is ever turned away, regardless of their income. Get more information on free clinics and find locations in your state.

Dental Services and Care - Thousands of dentists around the nation provide the low income, people with medical conditions and disabled with free dental care. Over 3,000 locations and centers are located across the country. Learn more.

Dental Clinics - In addition to the health care centers referenced above, there are numerous non-profit and government supported clinics that focus on offering dental care to the low income and uninsured. A large number of services and assistance programs are provided by these dental clinics.

EyeCare America - This assistance program is offered by the American Academy of Ophthalmology and it provides free eye care to senior citizens, children, senior citizens with diabetes, and people who may be at risk for glaucoma. 877-887-6327

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - This is a federal government agency that is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the main Federal government agency that is responsible for providing and improving access to health care services for people who are isolated, uninsured, medically vulnerable, or lower income. Continue.

HealthWell Foundation - This non-profit organization provides financial assistance and/or cash grants to help people pay for their health care costs. Even if you have health insurance you may be eligible to receive help as they may pay some or all of your health care costs. In effect qualified applicants will receive free health care from the foundation. More on the HealthWell Foundation.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation - This health care assistance program provides the uninsured with grants for eye surgery and check ups. (847) 490-3838

Mission of Mercy - This is a non-profit charity organization that offers patients free prescription medications and medical care. Some of the services offered can also include dental care, check ups, and more. The charity can be reached at 717-642-9062.

New Eyes for the Needy - Provides vouchers for free eyeglasses to the low income and uninsured. Read more.

Non-profit organizations - Many charity and non-profits can provide financial assistance for paying health care premiums, deductibles, prescription medications, and other health care expenses. Click here to find a listing of national non-profits that offer medical care.

Prescription drugs for free - A wide variety of programs exist that provide patients with free medicines and prescription drugs. Get assistance from the local, state, and federal government, pharmaceutical companies, patient assistance programs, and more. Find free prescription drug programs.

Sight For Students - Provides free eye exams and glasses to children 18 years and younger whose families can't afford to pay for vision care. 1-888-290-4964

State and local health care clinics - Many local and state governments support a wide variety of health care clinics that provide free health care to residents. It can range from free dental care, to prescription drugs, to mental health services.

State laws ensure charity health care - Several states have laws in place that ensure residents are provided heavily discounted or free health care from local hospitals if they meet certain income standards. The regulations also ensure fair billing practices for services incurred. Read more.

VisionUSA - This organization provides free eye care to low income families as well as the uninsured who work at least part-time. People need to have some type of job when applying for aid. More on free eye exams.

Walgreens - Walgreens provides free health care and medical checkups to people who use its in store clinics. The person seeking medical help must have recently been laid off, and they need to also have been a customer of WalGreens. More

Charities and non-profits that offer free health care

In addition to these free health care programs, there exist a variety of charities that provide access to free health care and other help with medical issues. Be sure to review health care assistance programs offered by your state and local governments.

While many people may have lost their health insurance as the result of a job loss and the weak economy, and health care in general is very expensive, there are different organizations to turn to that can provide free health care services.

Dental clinics and centers provide free or low cost dental care.

Clinics that focus on dental care - While some of the community clinics may provide limited dental care, there are other locations that specialize in this. Read how to get access to high quality, yet affordable, treatment from dental centers.

Millions of individuals need free or low cost dental care. They may lack access to care due to lack of health insurance, maybe their insurance plan or coverage does not cover it, or maybe the patients income is too low to pay for any type of medical or dental bills. There are numerous community clinics, free or low cost centers, government programs, and other dental assistance programs that people can turn to.

Local and state government programs

Resources are available in most regions of the country. Some of the programs the government may finance and run themselves, and there may be some other options that they are aware of and can refer individuals too. Never hesitate to check with government offices to get information on reduced priced or free dental care. Call your state or local health department. In addition, find an extensive listing of government assistance programs.

Dental schools and hospitals

They include both sites that hygienists may train at, as well as full fledged dental schools. The sites will often offer care to all patients. How this works is that most locations are really teaching facilities, and well trained students provide the care. It benefits everyone involved as the students gain experience, and families and individuals get access to needed care. At all schools and colleges there are dentists overseeing the process, so the quality of the assistance offered stays high and does not suffer from a student providing the care.

Dental clinics and health care centers

Most of the funding for these sites comes from the Health Resources and Services Administration. This federal government agency will help fund and provide various forms of support to community health centers that are located in your state, town or county. As part of the funding that these clinics receive, they are obligated to offer free or reduced-cost health and medical services, including dental care, to people of all backgrounds and income levels. Depending on some factors, including your income, family size, and insurance status, you may need to contribute towards your bills. However if your income is low enough, the care offered at these dental clinics should be offered at no cost. Read more on the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Federal government dental assistance programs

There are three main solutions out there that are possibilities. They include Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which is available for children under a certain age. Specifically, regarding Medicare, the dental coverage provided by this program is limited in nature, and unfortunately it does not cover most routine dental care, dentures, or some other basic services.

Medicare is funded by the federal government, but the terms of the program and what is or isn't covered is established by your state government. It is a health insurance program that is available for people who are 65 years and older or for those patients who have specific disabilities or a special need. While once again, the rules and coverage is set by the state, in general most states will provide some form of limited emergency dental services for those people and individuals who are age 21 or over. There are some states that will offer much more comprehensive free dental care or services to qualified applicants. Last, but not least, CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) is another potential solution. It is a government program for children under the age of 19 if they do not have insurance coverage. The exact type and amount of benefits for CHIP are set by your state government as well. However in most cases, dental care is part of what is offered, however the exact type and nature of dental services covered under this assistance program vary from state to state.

Community action agencies and United Way

These not for profit agencies operate in almost every state and county across the united states. They both are great places to call for information on free or reduced-cost dental clinics and services that are available in your local community. Get a listing of community action agencies and learn about dental programs they may offer.

Free dental clinics in Ohio

Non-profit dental clinics and centers in Ohio may offer care to patients for either no cost or on a sliding fee scale. So patients will need to pay only what they can afford to pay, or may get free dental care.

The programs provided by dental clinics in Ohio can provide cleanings, extractions, check ups, and on site dentists may be able to refer people to specialists for such issues as root canals. You will need to call and possibly apply at a dental center to get help, or in order to learn more about the services they offer. The non-profit dental clinics can even oftentimes either provide other forms of health care, or refer families and individuals to other government and medical assistance programs.

Butler County Community Health Consortium, Inc. Middletown, Ohio 45042 (513) 829-1888 **Cincinnati Health Network, Inc.**

HEALTH CARE HELP

Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 Dial - (513) 961-0600

Community HC of Greater Dayton

Dayton, OH 45402

Dental center phone number - 937-5869-7331

Samaritan Homeless Clinic

Dayton, OH 45402

Dial for help - (937) 461-1376

An on site dentist and hygienist offer low income, working poor, and homeless. Can help with emergencies, fillings, extractions, and other services.

Healthsource of Ohio, Inc.

Milford, Ohio 45150

Neighborhood Health Care

Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 513-241-4949

The Healthcare Connection, Inc.

Cincinnati, OH 45215 Phone - (513) 483-3085

Winton Hills Medical & Health and Dental Clinic, Inc.

Cincinnati, OH 45232 513.242.1033

Mcmicken Dental Clinic

Cincinnati, OH 45202-6549 513-352-6363 A so called permanent dental clinic.

Central Community Mental Health Board

Cincinnati, Ohio 45219-2408 Telephone - 513-559-2000 Health and medical clinic.

Crest Smile Shoppe Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

513-352-4072

This dental facility offers free or sliding fee prices, with a focus on the low income and uninsured patients who live in Cincinnati Ohio.

Elm Street Health Center Cincinnati

Cincinnati, 45210 513-352-2927

Residents of the greater Cincinnati Ohio area can contact this low cost or free dental center. It is partially funded by government dollars, and dentists and other medical professionals are located on site and can provide assistance to people of all incomes and backgrounds.

Anderson Dental Care Clinic Cincinnati

Cincinnati, OH 45225 513-636-6133

Dental Clinic (CCHMC)

Cincinnati, OH 45229 Dial - 513-636-4541

Medicaid and other government insurance is accepted at this dental clinic.

Dental One Over-The-Rhine

Cincinnati, OH 45210 513-721-6060

Lincoln Heights Healthcare Connections Regional Family Dental Center - Cincinnati

Cincinnati, OH 45215

(513) 554-0157

This is Ohios first community dental clinic that focused on the low income.

McMicken Dental Center

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Phone - 513-352-6363

Most dental services are free, but some will a small fee. A focus on the very low income and homeless is offered.

Millvale Health Center

Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

Call - 513-352-3196

Helps families and individuals in Cincinnati.

Neighborhood health Care Dental Center

Cincinnati, OH 45206

Call for help - 513-281-4116

A sliding fee scale is offered by this clinic.

Northside Health Center

Cincinnati, OH 45223

513-357-7610

Dental care if offered for free or on a sliding fee scale. Also accepts private and government insurance.

Options - Oral Health Council

Cincinnati, OH 45203

Dial - 513-621-2517

Dentists donate their time as part of this program, and discounted dental care provided covers almost 30 counties in Ohio.

Price Hill Health Center

Cincinnati, Ohio 45204 513-357-2704

Various dental care is offered, and payment methods include Private Insurance, Self-Pay, Medicaid, Sliding Fee scale, and government insurance.

Samaritan Homeless Clinic

Dayton, Ohio 45402 (937) 461-1376

Clinic provides fillings, Periodontal services, and other dental aid.

University Hospital oral Surgery Department (Health Source of Ohio)

Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 513-584-7910

Care is offered on a sliding fee or for free from this dental community clinic.

West End Health Center

Cincinnati, Ohio 45214 513-621-2726 Dental aid is care is provided for free or low cost.

Winton Hills Health Center

Cincinnati, Ohio 56232 Call - 513-242-6618

Community Dental and Health Center of Greater Dayton

Dayton, Ohio 45402

Community and Rural Health Services

Fremont, Ohio 43420

Family Health Services of Darke County

Greenville, Ohio 45331 Dial the facility at - (937) 548-9680

Below you can find information on low cost or free community clinics that are located in your state. Not all of the centers will be listed for your state, but you will find phone numbers to locate additional community clinics, as well as links to information on other medical and financial assistance programs in your state and county.

Health care from free community clinics in Ohio.

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Low income patients, and Ohio residents with no health insurance, or limited health insurance, may be able to get free or low cost medical care from community clinics located throughout Ohio. If you are interested in exploring their services you will need to call the clinic for more information.

In general they will provide general checkups, immunizations, and some primary health care services. Some of the locations may offer dental assistance and prescription medications. The fees will usually vary based upon the patients income. So if their income is low enough, or they have no health insurance, then the care and medications may be free. However some clinics may offer medical care on a so called sliding fee scale, which means people pay some money towards their medical bills.

Locate other ways to get help with financial matters, including health care, from your county. Click here.

In addition find an extensive listing of dental clinics and centers across Ohio that may offer free dental care. Read more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:

http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/free_clinic.html