

Every year since 1997, Cheyenne County Clinic has been part of the Community Based Primary Care Clinic grant program funded by the Kansas State Legislature. This program provides support to clinics across the state to provide access to health care to more Kansans. These grants help keep clinics open in small communities like ours, communities that might not be able to maintain a medical clinic otherwise.

Cheyenne County Clinic relies on this grant funding for two reasons: to pay for medical providers and staffing and to be able to provide services to our patients who may have trouble meeting the cost for medical care or prescription medications.

In order to meet new qualifications for this annual grant, we must collect certain information on every patient. This includes demographic information such as race and ethnicity, insurance status, and income level and household size on every patient. To gather income information in the past, we have relied upon anonymous surveys conducted a few months each year then used this to estimate the income levels of all patients we serve. However, the grant requirements have changed, so this is no longer sufficient.

We must now ask for income information on every patient to help the clinic keep its funding. We ask all patients the same information and keep it as private as your health information. Your help in filling out our patient forms completely will let us know when you might qualify for reduced pay or free services, and it lets us know how to provide you with the best care. It also lets us provide overall clinic data that shows we are providing care in the way the legislature intends for the grants to be carried out. Your personal information is never shared without your permission.

How could this help you? Depending on your income and family size, the cost for your clinic visit might be reduced, even if you have insurance. Or, we could help you save on the cost for some of your medications. Together, we will work to make your medical care costs as low as possible.

We will collect income and family size information. We respect your privacy, and will use the same integrity with this information that we do with your health information. Access is strictly limited and data is only shared in aggregate as required.

Community: it is at the heart of health care. It is all of us working together to keep important and affordable services right here in Cheyenne County.