

Doctors Care

FACTS

Primarily, the uninsured come from low-income, working families for whom coverage is not available or is unaffordable. By guiding this population to proactively administer to their health care needs, Doctors Care helps local hospitals control the high costs unable to be reimbursed from overuse of the emergency room by uninsured patients.

1 Doctors Care provides services in two distinct ways:

Adults (patients over 30 years old)

- For adults, the sliding-fee scale program is intended for sick care only.
- After completing a financial review, patients are assigned to a primary care physician who has agreed to volunteer medical expertise.
- Next, the patient schedules an appointment to visit the PCP at his or her office. If necessary, the patient may be referred to a participating specialist.
- In 2011, nearly 1100 adult patients utilized our network of volunteer physicians.

Children and Young Adults (under 30 years old)

- Open Monday-Friday, the Doctors Care Clinic is located onsite along with the administrative office at 609 W. Littleton Blvd.
- Children are seen by a Physician Assistant or volunteer Pediatrician and may be referred to a pediatric specialist.
- In 2011, more than 5,000 patients were seen.

2 The Doctors Care Sliding-Fee Scale Program:

Patient Responsibilities

- Doctors Care is intended to be a short-term, two-year program which patients qualify for in six-month intervals based on a financial and geographic eligibility evaluation.
- Patients pay a percentage payment based on a sliding-fee scale, which for most patients is 5 to 30 percent of the billed charges. The remainder of the patient's expense is absorbed by the provider, hospital or pharmacy.
- Ultimately, patients are responsible for their own health care. We believe involvement in their own health helps patients retain their dignity. This is an important part of restoring a financially, medically and emotionally stable lifestyle.
- Doctors Care, our partner hospitals, and you provide the tools for patients to be proactive users of the medical system.

Physician Network

- More than 900 volunteer providers offer care to the medically underserved in Arapahoe, Douglas and Elbert counties (excluding Aurora) through Doctors Care.
- In addition to primary care, physicians serve in nearly 100 specialties including general surgery, neurology, endocrinology, and cardiology.
- This broad range of specialists allows Doctors Care to meet the medical needs of any patient that walks through the door.

Thanks to all the volunteer physicians who provide quality care to our patients. Their personal investment of time represents the satisfaction they receive by being connected to Doctors Care. In addition, we acknowledge the generous support of our five partner hospitals, Swedish Medical Center, Porter Adventist Hospital, Littleton Adventist Hospital, Sky Ridge Medical Center, and Parker Adventist Hospital.

