

CRISIS NUMBERS

HeartLine

Compassionate listening, crisis support,
information and referral: 848-2273
Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-8255

YWCA

Domestic Violence: 917-9922
Rape Crisis: 943-7273

Red Rock Behavioral Health: 424-7711

The Referral Center: 525-2525
Alcohol and drug services

The Crisis Center: 522-8108
Mental health crisis service

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Homeless Alliance at (405) 632-7431 or
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www.homelessalliance.org/medbrochure.pdf

TAKE CARE



A guide to getting medication for homeless individuals and families

If you are homeless, you may face some challenges when it comes to getting well or staying well. This guide provides information about talking to your doctor, getting prescriptions filled, and meeting your basic needs.

When You See the Doctor

Remember, your appointment may only last 5 or 10 minutes. You need to tell your doctor everything he/she needs to know, even if your doctor doesn't ask. For example:

- Make sure your doctor knows you are homeless. Doctors can help you get better faster if they know how you are living. Tell your doctor whether you are staying in a shelter or on the street.
- Tell your doctor if you don't have money for prescriptions. Your doctor may be able to give you free samples or a cheaper medicine.
- Get to the point. Talk about your biggest needs first. If you think you might forget something, write a list of questions on a piece of paper and bring it to your appointment. Don't be afraid to ask questions.



If you have long term needs for medicine, ask your doctor about a Patient Assistance Program. Companies with these programs can sometimes give free or low cost medicine.

Getting a Prescription Filled

If you are given a prescription for medicine from your doctor or an ER, but you do not have the money to get it filled, call one of these places to see if they can help you. You will need to **call first** to find out if they have the medicine you need and if you qualify for their services.

Baptist Community Clinic at Olivet
Baptist Church
951-4804, 1201 NW 10th St.

Carepoint (HIV/AIDS only)
232-2437, 1200 N Walker

Good Shepherd Ministries of Oklahoma
232-8631, 222 NW 12th Street

Medication Assist Pharmacy
271-6278, 711 S Young, Ste. 700

Oklahoma County Pharmacy
713-1891, 7401 NE 23rd Street

Open Arms Free Clinic
401-4547, 6000 N MacArthur

St. Charles Borromeo-McCauley Free
Clinic: 495-4667, 4915 N State Street

Community Action Agency
232-0199, 319 SW 25th



FREE CLINICS

If you can't get your medicine at one of the pharmacies listed, you need to go back to your doctor or follow up with one of the free clinics listed below. Be sure to **bring the prescription with you. Call first** to see what else you need to bring see and if you need to make an appointment.

Healing Hands Health Care Services
(Homeless only)
272-0476, 411 NW 11th St.

Epworth United Methodist Church
Medical Clinic
525-2346, 1901 N Douglas Ave.

King's Clinic at Hope Methodist Church
848-4005, 1001 NW 92nd

Crossings Community Clinic
948-0178, 3601 N. May Avenue

Variety Health Center (Pregnant women
and children)
235-6466, 420 NW 6th St.

North Care Center (Mental health)
272-0660, 1140 N Hudson.

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (Native Am.)
948-4900, 4913 W Reno

Veterans Administration (Veterans)
270-0501, 921 NE 13th St.

HOMELESS SHELTERS

Oklahoma City has three general homeless shelters, listed below. **Call HeartLine at 848-2273** for more options if you are under 18 or a senior citizen, are a veteran, have a mental illness, or live in a domestic violence situation.

City Rescue Mission
232-2709, 800 W California
Shelter and hot meals for men, women,
and families

Grace Rescue Mission
232-5756, 2205 Exchange Ave.
Shelter for men and families, hot meals for
single men.

Salvation Army
246-1080, 330 SW 4th St.
Shelter and hot meals for men, women,
and families

HOUSING

If you need housing, call the Oklahoma City Housing Authority at 239-7551.

FOOD

To get a list of food pantries in your area, call the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma at 972-1111.

PUBLIC BENEFITS

If you are under 18, over 65, disabled, pregnant, or have children, you may be eligible for more help:

SSI and SSDI

- Call the local Social Security Office at 605-3000 or (800) 772-1213 or visit the office at Shepherd Mall (at NW 23rd and Villa. Use Crosstown bus route).

Medicaid, Medical Assistance, and TANF

- Call or visit the DHS office (522-5818, 2409 North Kelly)
- These DHS services might be available to you if you are under 21, pregnant, aged, blind, or disabled.



Medicare

- Call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-722-1213 or visit a local Social Security office.
- You will be eligible for Medicare when you turn 65 even if you are not eligible for a Social Security retirement check. You might also get help if you are a younger person with a disability.
- Generally, you can get Medicare if you or your spouse worked for at least ten years at a Medicare-covered job, are 65 years old, and are a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

Food Stamps

- Call or visit the DHS office (522-5818, 2409 North Kelly).

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

- Call the City-County Health Department at 425-4384 for the closest office
- Services for pregnant women or women with children up to age 5.