

There are nominal fees for services. Some fees are on a sliding fee scale, which is based on income and household size. Medicare, Healthwave, and Blue Cross/ Blue Shield are billed for services for which the Health Department/Home Health Agency is a contracted provider. We can bill other insurances but you will need to ask to make sure we accept your insurance.

Confidentiality - All services are confidential.

Public Health Care

WIC Services

WIC is a special supplemental food program for income-eligible pregnant, breast-feeding, and post-partum women, infants, and children up to age 5. To qualify you must live in an approved WIC program area (Republic County is approved), meet income guidelines, and be at nutritional risk as determined by approved competent professional. It is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

WIC is usually held at least twice a month. Interested persons should contact our office for an appointment.

This Certification will include:

- * Measuring and recording height and weight
- * Hemoglobin test (to check level of iron in blood)
- * A review of foods eaten
- * A review of health history
- * A review of income and residency

The goal of WIC is to prevent or correct health problems caused by poor nutrition, by providing nutritious foods and nutrition education.

WIC is an equal opportunity program. If you feel you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap, write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Early Detection Works

Referrals provided for mammograms and pap smears funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for income-eligible women ages 40 - 64.

Immunization Clinics

Immunization clinics are held on Wednesdays, on WIC days, and other times by appointment. Immunization clinics include but not limited to, basic infant, child, and adult immunizations according to State of Kansas requirements to protect the public from vaccine-preventable diseases. Fees are covered by insurance, Medicaid/Healthwave, or by private payment according to individual circumstances. Records are maintained on each individual and reports are usually sent to the family physicians for the client's records. Reminders are sent to the parents when immunizations are due or past due. Each parent is given an immunization record book (Pink Book).

Maternal / Child Visitor Program

A trained MCH Visitor offers home visits to expectant parents and families with newborns. The visitor works with the Public Health Nurses who make home visits when needed.

What can the visitor do?????

- * Answer routine questions about pregnancy, childbirth, infant care, feeding, and mother's recovery
- * Assists with prenatal classes
- * Offer a friendly and supportive approach to parenting
- * Provides family with information concerning general baby care, nutrition, babysitting and immunizations
- * Helps families find community agencies or programs to meet their needs
- * Encourage and support breast-feeding efforts
- * Encourage families to contact their doctors for any medical concerns
- * Most important - listen and share experience of being a parent

Other Public Health Services

- * Blood Sugar Checks
- * Urinalysis
- * Hemoglobin Checks
- * Blood Pressure Checks
- * Nail Care (trimming toenails)
- * Well Child, Daycare, & Kindergarten Physicals (NO SPORTS PHYSICALS)
- * Kan-Be-Healthy Assessments
- * Allergy & Vitamin Injections
- * Vision Screenings
- * Tympanograms
- * Tuberculosis Testing (TB Skin Test), Treatment, & Follow-Up
- * Communicable Disease Surveillance
- * Public Health Home Visits (Personal care & Homemaker)
- * Blood Lead Screening for children
- * Installation/Inspection of child safety seats by a certified technician
- * Lab
- * STI Surveys and Treatment

Referral Services Provided

- * Registered & Licensed Day Care Centers & Preschools provided by Cloud Co. Health Dept. (785) 243-8140
- * Services for children with special health care needs referred to a variety of providers
- * Environmental Services includes Septic System Assistance and Inspection, Waste Water Lagoon Assistance and Inspection, Well Water Assistance and Inspection, Water Testing of Private Water Supply, Sanitary Code Explanation and Implementation, & Education and referrals provided by Phillips County Local Environmental Planning Group Sherry Koster, Sanitarian (785) 543-6850