

OMC HAS OPTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

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Statistics show that uninsured individuals are more likely to have poor health outcomes. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Outpatient Medical Center is uniquely equipped to provide care for patients, regardless of their insurance status.

OMC offers a Sliding Fee Discount Program that allows low-income patients to request an application for discounted services. Discounts may range from 20% to 100% of full charges. A patient who qualifies for a 100% discount (at 200% federal poverty level) is never refused services due to the inability to pay. The Sliding Fee program is unique to FQHCs and allows OMC to serve the underserved and those who are unable to seek care elsewhere.

Services provided include primary care, mental health counseling, and remote psychiatry, as well as dental care and dental hygiene.

OMC providers focus on prevention and early detection of health issues. Patients may receive blood pressure checks, diabetes screenings, BMI and cholesterol screenings, wellness checks and oral healthcare. OMC also offers cancer screenings such as cervical cancer screenings, colorectal cancer screenings, and more. Key to prevention is vaccination for common preventable diseases. As we approach the Fall season OMC will provide flu shots. As a provider of state supplied vaccines, the vaccine will be available at no charge to children who have Medicaid, are Medicaid eligible, or are underinsured. Privately purchased flu shots will be available at a cost of \$25.

By preventing and detecting health issues, patients are able to stay healthier overall, and reduce the need for expensive emergency care down the line.

OMC is an option for you, because caring for you is what we do! For more information call the nearest OMC Clinic. More information on clinic locations and services can be found at www.outpatientmedical.org or by calling OMC's 24/7 contact center at 888-811-8081. Spanish-speaking patients may call the bilingual hotline at 318-357-9441.

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