

Susquehanna River Valley Dental Health Clinic

Uninsured Patient Program at Susquehanna River Valley Dental Health Clinic (SRVDHC)

Many of our patients are able to qualify for Medical Assistance dental insurance, It is highly recommended that individuals interested in our Uninsured Program first apply or have applied in the last 12 months for Medical Assistance and bring in a denial letter from the County Assistance Office. We also accept proof of low income status if you are currently receiving benefits from County Assistance Office in the form of Food Stamps, Cash Assistance or Housing.

Who Is Eligible? (Must meet all the following:)

- Individuals with proof of residency (you live) in Northumberland, Snyder or Union County. May approve other neighboring counties as funds are available
- **Individuals without dental insurance.** Dental insurance provided by an employer, privately purchased, or obtained as a supplemental plan such as Geisinger Gold is still considered insurance. If you have these types of dental insurance you are **ineligible** for the Uninsured Patient Program.
- Individuals with proof of household income that is **250% below the Federal Poverty Guideline**. Household Income may include: salary/wages, disability, pension, Social Security, unemployment, alimony/child support, workers compensation.

What Do I Do To Get an Appointment and Stay Eligible for the Program?

- Uninsured patients will first be asked to come to the clinic to fill out forms and to provide a current photo I.D. and proof of income. If qualifications are met an appointment will then be scheduled.
- To continue in this program, proof of eligibility must be updated each year. You may be asked to provide updates at each appointment on income changes. After April 15th of each year it is your responsibility to bring your new 1040 Federal Tax Return to the Clinic.
- If you have been denied eligibility for the Uninsured Program and your circumstances of income change, please bring proof of the above and you may resume the approval process again.

What Service Are Provided and What is the Cost?

- Basic dental care services such as exams, x-rays, fillings, and certain extractions are provided at a flat rate fee of \$100.00 per appointment. The flat rate fee is collected in cash during check-in.
- The amount of service rendered during one appointment depends on multiple factors but is not limited to: extent of infection present, location of dental issues, extent of treatment required; multiple dental issues often require multiple visits. **The chief complaint that**

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brings you here is our primary concern. Extensive dental disease does not begin overnight and cannot be addressed in one visit.

- The flat rate fee does not include some oral surgery procedures (such as impacted teeth), all denture procedures, all root canals, and all crown services. Those services have different fees. Those fees will be discussed prior to beginning the procedure and must be paid in full in cash prior to the start of the procedure.
- Involved procedures (such as impacted teeth, denture procedures, root canals, and crown services) may be referred to a specialist or private dental office setting to be addressed.

Acceptable proof of income for your household for Uninsured Patient Program

Income tax form:

- A copy of page 1 and/or page 2 of the most recently files 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ tax return

Self-employment income:

- 1040 form including Schedule C from the most recent tax return

Social Security Retirement:

- Benefit statement for current year

Supplemental Security Income:

- Benefit statement for current year

Social Security Disability:

- Benefit statement for current year

Unemployment:

- Copy of most recent unemployment award letter

Pension/Retirement:

- Benefit statement for current year

Salary/wages:

- One month of salary (pay stubs)/income documentation

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