

Policy

County Pharmacy Program

Approval

Purpose of Program:

The purpose of the Oklahoma County Pharmacy Program is to provide prescription medication and limited medically necessary supplies at no charge to indigent residents of Oklahoma County. The Oklahoma County Pharmacy is an agency of last resort.

General Program Information:

The Oklahoma County Pharmacy program requires that eligibility be determined for each person seeking services. Eligibility will be reviewed on a regular basis for all clients. Where possible, clients must demonstrate efforts toward higher levels of self-sufficiency in order to become and remain eligible. The Oklahoma County Pharmacy has a limited formulary, and medications and supplies available are dependent on budgetary constraints. Medications outside that formulary may be provided at no charge if available through the Unused Medications Program administered by the Oklahoma County Pharmacy.

Unused Medications Program:

The Oklahoma County Pharmacy administers the Unused Medications Program as per Oklahoma Statutes Title 59§367 whereby legally donated medications may be dispensed by the County Pharmacy or transferred to another eligible entity for dispensing. Eligibility requirements for Unused Medications dispensed through the Oklahoma County Pharmacy are consistent with the requirements of the County Pharmacy's indigent program with the exception of income level, hence, all persons eligible for the County Pharmacy's indigent program are automatically eligible to receive medications from the Unused Medications Program.

Application Process:

Applicant must complete and sign an application form, which will be reviewed by the Eligibility Analyst. Applicant must provide all requested documentation. The Eligibility Analyst will make a determination to approve or deny services. If services are approved, the applicant will be informed of the intended duration of service and that a case review will be conducted when that time lapses in order to determine continued eligibility. If applicant is unable to participate in the application process, a representative may act on the applicant's behalf. Once the application form has been submitted, it becomes the property of the County Pharmacy.

Eligible persons aged 65 and older may be able to receive medications through this program via the U.S. mail. Eligibility must still be established prior to delivery of services, and must be re-determined as deemed appropriate in the eligibility process.

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General Information Regarding Eligibility:

The applicant must be a legal resident of the United States. The applicant must be a current resident of Oklahoma County, with state residency for the immediately preceding consecutive year and unincarcerated county residency for the immediately preceding consecutive three months (periods of incarceration do not count toward the county residency requirement).

The residency requirement is waived only on the condition of homelessness. Homeless persons may be considered for services with written referral from a homeless shelter or case worker (required each visit). Homeless persons requesting on-going service are expected to make reasonable efforts toward self-sufficiency while receiving county assistance. Services will be discontinued after a period of one year if client has not exhibited reasonable effort.

Applicant must have low or no income, must verify information as requested, and, if possible, must be making efforts toward higher levels of self-sufficiency.

Income guideline for indigent program is equivalent to 100% of the federal poverty level, based on total household income. Income guideline for Unused Medications Program is equivalent to 150% of the federal poverty level, based on total household income.

Other available alternatives for receiving medications must be utilized prior to obtaining services from the Oklahoma County Pharmacy. Assistance may be considered under special circumstances for persons unable to afford their medications during the coverage gap under Medicare Part D.

Services can be denied or discontinued based upon determination that false information was provided in the course of the eligibility process or that prescriptions have been altered.

Applicant must be at least eighteen years of age or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

This information is not intended to represent all of the necessary steps, requirements, or factors involved in the eligibility determination process as set by the department.