

Medical insurance:

- **BadgerCare/Medicaid:** A medical insurance program for low-income residents of Wisconsin. (888)-794-5780. Pregnant women (no need to be a US citizen) and children born in US can apply.

Income-based medical clinics

- **Neighborhood Health Partners:** Low-cost (income-based) reproductive health care for women and men. Offices in Platteville (608) 348-9766, Dodgeville (877) 449-7422, and Monroe (608) 328-9500.
- **Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin:** A medical clinic providing reproductive health care and support to women with unplanned pregnancies. Clinic at 185 E. Pine St., Platteville, WI 53818, (608) 348-5787.

Income-based dental clinics:

- **Access Dental:** 103 E. Fountain St., Dodgeville, WI 53533. (608) 935-5550.

Income-based nutrition program for women and children (WIC):

- **WIC** offers nutritional education and financial help for purchasing healthy foods. In **Iowa/Lafayette Counties:** 149 Iowa St., Dodgeville, WI 53533, (608) 935-2326. In **Grant County:** 111 S. Jefferson St., Lancaster, WI 53813, (608) 723-6416.

Health Care Costs Do's and Don'ts

- If possible, **DON'T** go to the emergency room for **non-emergencies**, as costs are **very high**. Free clinics are listed in this brochure. Check local medical clinics for evening hours.
- **DON'T** ignore bills. Don't ignore medical bills, or they will go to collections. Let the billing department of the hospital know you would like help with paying your bills. Each hospital has its unique financial aid and payment plan options.
- **DO ALWAYS** ask the hospital to apply for **financial assistance or set up a payment plan**. Automatic discounts for uninsured individuals, financial assistance, and/or payment plans are often available to qualifying individuals. Low-income individuals and families should ask to fill out an Uncompensated Care Application.
- **DO** ask the hospital to fill out form **F-01162 (Certification of Emergency for Non-US Citizens)** if you are a Non-US citizen (see explanation inside brochure).
- **DO** call the **Multicultural Outreach Program (MCOP)** with any financial or medical questions (see contact details in box below).

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Tips for Keeping Health Care Costs Down

For Non-US Citizens without Medical Insurance

If you have any questions or need bilingual assistance, please call the MultiCultural Outreach Program at 608-642-1753

Important Background Information

1. **Guaranteed free care**

The ONLY guaranteed free care available is from area free clinics. These clinics provide preventive, primary, and/or reproductive health care to uninsured and underinsured individuals and families.

• **Dodgeville – Community Connections Free Clinic CCFC**

101 E. Fountain St., Dodgeville. Phone (608) 930-2232. Open Tues. and Thurs. at 4:00pm.

Please note that CCFC referrals for certain x-rays and diagnostics at Uplands Hospital are free.

• **Richland Center – Richland Free Clinic**

301 East Second St., Richland Center, WI. Phone (608) 647-6161. Open Tues. 8:00-noon.

• **Richland Center – Essential Health Clinic**

175 E. Mill St., Richland Center, WI. Phone (800) 657-5177. Reproductive health services by appointment.

• **Boscobel - InHealth Community Wellness Clinic**

109 E. Bluff St., Boscobel, WI. Phone (608) 375-4324. Open 1st and 3rd Mondays 4:30-8:00pm, 2nd and 4th Mondays 1:00-4:00pm. Closed on the 5th Monday. 1st and 3rd Saturday 8:30-noon.

• **Prairie du Sac - Good Neighbor Clinic of Sauk**

1906 North St., Prairie du Sac, WI. Phone (608) 643-4749. Open Mondays 1:00-6:00 and Wednesdays 1:00-5:00.

2. **Emergency room visits are NOT FREE.**

Trips to the Emergency Room are EXPENSIVE. If possible, avoid visiting the emergency room for non-emergencies. Check your local clinics for evening hours.

If you think you are pregnant, an over the counter pregnancy test is an effective way to check. A follow-up appointment at **Neighborhood Health Partners** (608) 348-9766, clinics in Platteville, Dodgeville, and Monroe is recommended (patient charges based on income).

3. **Hospital visits result in multiple bills, not just the hospital's**

A hospital visit will result in separate bills from the hospital AND for specialists and diagnostic procedures.

It's important not to ignore bills from these other providers. To find out if financial assistance and/or payment plans are available, please call MCOP at (608) 642-1753.

4. **Certification of Emergency for Non-US citizens**

Non-US citizens should ask the hospital to fill out form F-01162 ([Certification of Emergency for Non-US citizens](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/F-01162.htm), <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/F-01162.htm>) within 30 days of any emergency services received.

Once filled out, please call MCOP at (608) 642-1753. MCOP will help patients present the form to the BadgerCare Consortium. The Consortium will then determine if the patient is eligible for financial assistance.