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*Overview of Departments
& Services for Elders*



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Cherokee Elder Care

Cherokee Elder Care (CEC) is the first Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Oklahoma, and one of the first rural PACE sites in the nation. At CEC, a team of qualified providers work together to care for each participant.

- Contact: 918-453-5000 ext. 5657
email: health@cherokee.org

Cherokee Nation Home Health Services Inc.

Cherokee Nation Home Health Services, Inc. is a tribally-incorporated nonprofit home health care agency that is Medicare and Medicaid certified to provide state-licensed home health to all eligible clients.

Home Health

Provides skilled care and other in-home health services for treatment of an illness or injury.

- Eligibility: All Medicare beneficiaries who meet certain conditions. Must live within their service region spanning all or part of the following counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah or Wagoner.
- Contact: 918-458-6102 or toll-free 1-888-281-6910
email: cherokeemationhomehealth@cnhhs.org

Home Health Outreach

Provides a broad range of home and community health services to persons of all ages.

- Eligibility: All persons who are currently on Medicaid and meet Department of Human Services (DHS) Medicaid guidelines could be eligible for these programs. Must live within their service region spanning all of the following counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah or Wagoner.
- Contact: 918-456-5051 or toll-free 1-800-307-4768
email: cherokeemationoutreach@cnhhs.org

Hospice

Hospice care includes physical, emotional and spiritual support from a team of doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, counselors and trained volunteers for clients coping with a terminal illness and their families. Services include medical support, physician and counseling among others.

- Eligibility: Hospice care is covered under Medicare Part A. Must live within their service region spanning all or part of the following counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah or Wagoner.
- Contact: 918-458-5080 or toll-free 1-877-792-7372
email: hospiceofthecherokee@cnhhs.org

Community Services

Community Youth and Adult Development

Youth and Adult Development offers instruction in playing traditional games and instruction in arts and crafts to Cherokee Nation citizens.

- Eligibility: Open to all Cherokee Nation citizens.
- Contact: 918-453-5347 or toll-free 1-800-256-0671

Home Rehab

The Home Rehab Program is a service that will allow the Cherokee Nation Housing Rehab to perform the necessary rehabilitation work on Cherokee Nation citizens' homes that are unable to do the work themselves. Priority is given to the elderly, disabled and handicap families. Cherokee preference. Other programs available are storm shelter assistance, elder materials only, emergency repairs and driveway repairs.

- Eligibility: Contact Community Services for details.
- Contact: denise-rooster@cherokee.org

Water/Wastewater Services

Promotes a healthy environment through cooperative development and continuing operation of safe water, wastewater, and solid waste systems and related support facilities. The Cherokee Nation assists qualified applicants with sanitation facilities for new or existing homes.

- Eligibility: CDIB, Cherokee Nation citizen, living within Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdictional area and have a disability or meet income guidelines.
- Contact: 918-453-5111 or toll-free 1-800-256-3387

Education Services

Cherokee Nation Education Services provides information and support to Cherokee Nation youth and their families with several programs ranging from Head Start to College Resources.

- Eligibility: Contact Education Services for details.
- Contact: 918-207-3865 or lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org

Health Services

Cherokee Nation Health Services is an integrated health system of eight ambulatory health centers, various programs and a hospital providing strategically planned care and services.

Eligibility Policy (at least one of the following):

- Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or Cherokee Nation tribal citizenship card;
- A non-Native American female currently pregnant with a Native American male's (who has either a CDIB or a Cherokee Nation Tribal citizenship card) child for the

duration of the pregnancy (including initial pregnancy test) through postpartum (usually 6 weeks).

- A non-Native American residing in a Native American household when services are necessary to control a public health hazard; or
- A non-Native American child under the age of 19 years who is the adopted child, step-child, foster child or legal ward of state of an eligible Native American.

Behavioral Health

Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health offers a variety of programs including mental health services, substance abuse treatment and community-based programs promoting mental health. Behavioral Health also offers programs designed to help prevent substance abuse and other risky behaviors.

- Contact: 918-207-3898

Cancer Programs

Cherokee Nation Cancer Programs include Cherokee Nation Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (CNBCCP), Comprehensive Cancer Registry and Cherokee Nation Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. The CNBCCP offers clinical breast exams, screening mammography, diagnostic mammography, biopsies, breast ultrasound, diagnostic follow-up, pap smear test, colposcopy, LEEP (a diagnostic procedure), community outreach and case management.

- Eligibility: Services available to Native American women ages 40-64 who are uninsured and are at or below 250 percent federal poverty level.
- Contact: 918-458-4491

EMS

Cherokee Nation Emergency Medical Services (CNEMS) is a state-licensed paramedic level ambulance service owned and operated by Cherokee Nation that serves Cherokee, southern Delaware, northern Sequoyah and western Adair counties. CNEMS is the only licensed Native American ambulance service in the state staffed by critical care paramedics. CNEMS also offers CPR and first aid courses monthly for the public. CNEMS is CAAS accredited and consists of four major components: ambulance services, communications, non-emergency transport and training.

- Contact: 918-453-5200 or toll-free 1-888-238-7551

Health Centers:

Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital

100 S. Bliss Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464

Main: 918-458-3100

- Services offered: Audiology, Behavioral Health, Dentistry, Emergency Services, Eye Care Services, General Surgery, Intensive Care Unit (6 beds), Internal Medicine, Laboratory, Obstetrics /Gynecology, Orthopedics, Pharmacy, Pediatrics, Physical Therapy, Podiatry and Urgent Care.

A-Mo Health Center

900 N Owen Walters Blvd.

Salina, OK 74365

Main: 918-434-8500

Toll-free: 1-877-434-8500

Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

Bartlesville Health Center

501 E. 5th St.

Bartlesville, OK 74003

Main: 918-336-0823

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Family Medicine, Pharmacy and Waived Laboratory.

Redbird Smith Health Center

301 S. JT Stites Blvd.

Sallisaw, OK 74955

Main: 918-775-9159

Toll-free: 1-888-797-9159

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

Sam Hider Health Center

1015 Washbourne

Jay, OK 74364

Main: 918-253-4271

Toll-free: 1-877-293-4271

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

Three Rivers Health Center

1001 S. 41st St. East

Muskogee, OK 74403

Main: 918-781-6500

Toll Free: 1-877-781-6511

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

Vinita Health Center

27371 S. 4410 Rd., Vinita, OK 74301

Main: 918-323-0191

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Dental, Family Medicine, Full Pharmacy with a Drive-Through, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology, Wellness Center and WIC.

Will Rogers Health Center

1020 Lenape Dr.

Nowata, OK 74048

Main: 918-273-0192

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center

Hwy 51 East, Stilwell, OK 74960

Main: 918-696-8800

Toll Free: 1-877-747-8800

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

Dedicated to providing housing assistance through a number of programs, the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation provides safe, functional and affordable housing within the Cherokee Nation.

Mortgage Assistance Program

The Mortgage Assistance and Self-Sufficiency programs allow Cherokee Nation citizens to build and repair their credit and reach personal financial goals. The program provides qualified Cherokee citizens help with down payment and home improvements up to \$25,000. For more information, please contact Cherokee Nation Commerce Services.

- Eligibility: The head of household or spouse must be a citizen of a federally-recognized tribe. Must be a first-time home buyer, defined as an individual or spouse who has had no ownership in a residence during the three years prior to the purchase; or who has only owned a residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation; or who has only owned a property that was uninhabitable or not in compliance with building codes.
- Contact: 918-453-5000

Community Shield Insurance

The risk pool policies provide basic coverage for the value of a dwelling and personal property. Amerind offers affordable insurance policies to Cherokee Nation citizens.

- Eligibility: Cherokee Nation citizens owning homes within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundaries may qualify for the Community Shield program offered by Amerind, which has final approval for the homes seeking coverage.
- Contact: 918-456-5482 or toll-free 1-800-837-2869

Rental Assistance Program

Funded by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, this program is designed to assist Native Americans with decent, safe, and sanitary housing with Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

- Eligibility: Income guidelines are 80 percent of National Median Income or below.
- Contact: 918-456-5482

Low-Income Rental Housing

This program provides low-income rental apartments across many areas of the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction. Preference is given to Cherokee Nation citizens who are elderly, disabled or handicap and working families.

- Eligibility: Participants must be a citizen of a federally-recognized tribe and have a tribal citizenship card. Potential participants must meet several requirements, including income guidelines at 80 percent of the national median income and U.S. citizenship.
- Contact: 918-456-5482

Senior Housing

Conveniently located in a single-building design using the “main entrance” concept, individual units are designed for independent living and sufficient common area to promote and encourage socialization between residents. Each unit provides a living room, kitchen (including a range and refrigerator), bedroom and bath. Each unit is individually climate controlled. Some minimal support services are available to residents, including a styling salon and an arts and crafts room on the premises.

- Eligibility: Must be 62 years of age or older. Must meet income guidelines for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. Rental subsidy may be available through Cherokee Nation Housing for those qualifying.
- Locations:

Jay Senior Housing, 1301 W. Washbourne St., Jay OK 74346
918-456-5482

Stilwell Senior Housing, 400 N. 8th St., Stilwell OK 74960
918-456-5482

Wisdom Keepers, 1286 W. 4th St., Tahlequah OK 74464
918-456-5482

New Home Construction

New Home Construction program is an approach to developing and providing housing opportunities for Cherokee families by having a set payment option allowing the family to rent to own. Houses are based on a floor plan of a modest size.

- Eligibility: Head of household and/or spouse must be a Cherokee tribal citizen. The family must have a minimum annual income of \$15,000. Must not currently own a home or currently-owned home must be in a substandard condition. Inspection required.
- Contact: 918-456-5482

Human Services

Cherokee Nation Human Services offers many programs designed to provide support for youth, adults and families throughout the Cherokee Nation.

- Contact: 918-453-5422 or 1-800-256-0671
email: human-services@cherokee.org

Burial Assistance

Designed to relieve or in some cases eliminate the financial hardship associated with traditional funeral costs.

- Eligibility: Income eligibility and residence requirements vary by program. Total household income is considered. All resources including income, life insurance and burial policies among others are considered when determining eligibility.

Caregiver Program

Provides respite care to family care-givers.

(Note: \$400 voucher given to pay for respite services for the caregiver.)

- Eligibility: Services are available to caregivers living within the 14 counties, and providing caregiver services to an individual 50 years and over with at least two assisted daily living needs.

Cherokee Parents

Cherokee Parents is a grant-funded parenting support program carried out in the convenience of the client's home. The Safe Care Curriculum is designed to empower parents and is focused learning on parent interaction, home safety and family health.

- Eligibility: Children from birth to 5 years old who live within Cherokee, Adair and Mayes Counties. No income requirements.

Cherokee First

Community Leadership Program provides a \$200 stipend for 20 hours of volunteering for any non-profit organization or elders within Cherokee communities.

(Note: Cannot perform volunteer hours for a relative.)

- Eligibility: Those 62 year and older who live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction may apply for assistance.

Child Support Services

Provides a full range of child support services.

(Note: Grandparents caring for their grandchildren may be eligible to receive a subsidy.)

- Eligibility: Cherokee Nation citizens living within the 14-county jurisdiction may apply.

Child Care and Development Center

Provides quality child development and child care services for Cherokee children living within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction.

- Eligibility: Child care provided for children up to 12 years of age within the Cherokee Nation 14 counties and all of Tulsa County. Income must be at or below 85 percent of the state median income for your family size to receive subsidy benefits for child care. Grandparents caring for their grandchildren may be eligible to receive a subsidy.
- Contact: Tahlequah Child Development Center 918-453-5070
Stilwell Child Development Center 918-696-3222
Child Care Resource Center 1-888-458-6230

Children, Youth & Family Services

Cherokee Nation's Children, Youth & Family Services department is a fully integrated support system that includes programs such as John A. Ketcher Youth Center, Child Protective Services, Court Advocacy and Permanency Services, Certification for and Placing Adoptions and the Cherokee Nation Angel Project.

- Eligibility: Contact Human Services for details.

Elders in Need

Chief Baker's initiative, which provides a \$200 payment made to a utility vendor of the elder's choice.

- Eligibility: Must be 60 years of age or older. Must be eligible for LIHEAP and live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction.

Family Assistance

Financial assistance to help families meet living expenses, such as utilities and housing.

- Eligibility: Must live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction. Income eligibility varies by source of funding. All household income is considered. Any age may apply.

Food Distribution

Federal nutrition program that supplements family food supplies.

- Eligibility: Must be 18 years of age or older and live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction. Federal poverty guidelines apply. Total household income minus 20%. A \$300 shelter deduction may apply with a utility or rent receipt.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Must be 60 years of age or older and live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction. Head of household must be an elder. Federal poverty guidelines apply.

- Eligibility: Be 60 years or older. Head of household must be an elder. Federal poverty guidelines apply. Must live within Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction.

Veterans Center

Connects veterans to services within Cherokee Nation and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- Eligibility: All veterans living within Cherokee Nation jurisdiction are welcome.
- Contact: 918-453-5695

Real Estate Services

Real Estate Services is responsible for administering the laws, regulations, policies and procedures protecting and managing restricted and trust lands of individual Indians within the 14-county jurisdictional area of Cherokee Nation as well as tribal-owned real property.

Real Estate Services provides advice and technical assistance to Cherokee Nation departments, Native American landowners and the public in general for the benefit of these properties, all under a self-governance compact with the Secretary of Interior. Real Estate Services can also assist tribal citizens with writing their Last Will and Testament.

- Contact: Ginger Reeves, Director at 918-453-5350.

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