

Family Medical Care offers respect, compassion

The medical home for more than 4,000 patients in the Ohio Valley, Family Medical Care Community Health Center prides itself on being a comprehensive health care facility with staff committed to providing the best possible care with the utmost respect and compassion for each of its patients.

Family Medical Care understands the high cost of quality health care today, and the inability of some in the community to afford that care without insurance, officials said. For that reason, Family Medical Care sought Federally Qualified Health-care Center status, which allows the community health center to offer patients discounts on their medical appointments and prescriptions, without compromising the quality of their care.

Employing a full-time, board-certified family care physician and a full-time nurse practitioner, Family Medical Care provides a full range of health care services to the entire community, regardless of age, income level, insurance status or residence, including continuous and

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comprehensive medical care for all ages; treatment of acute and chronic illnesses; health education and preventative services such as well child exams, immunizations and pap smears; hospital care; minor office procedures; diagnostic testing; an on-site laboratory; ultrasound tests; and pharmacy services. Offering these services in a single location provides patients with the access, convenience, and quality they expect from their healthcare provider.

As a FQHC, Family Medical Care can offer many of these services on a discount fee scale for uninsured and low-income patients, and through partnerships can also refer patients to specialists, home health, therapy services, hospice care, radiology, and dental services.

Family Medical Care also offers transportation and child care services for patients to ensure that all bar-

riers to quality health care are eliminated.

Another benefit of FQHC's like Family Medical Care is the ability to offer patients prescriptions at a drastic discount through the 340-B Drug Program.

Family Care Pharmacy serves patients of Family Medical Care exclusively, and offers convenience and numerous benefits. The 340-B program currently offers the least expensive drug prices, particularly for higher priced, non-generic drugs.

The pharmacy also participates in numerous pharmaceutical indigent drug programs that provide medications to qualified patients for a small service fee.

To date, the in-house pharmacy has saved its insured and uninsured patients more than \$101,000 on their medications.

Our highly trained pharmacist works closely with your provider to provide seamless healthcare delivery.

Our pharmacist is always available to answer questions about your medications in person, by phone or e-mail, and a consultation room is available for privacy. Family Care Pharmacy also allows you to order prescription refills online, and request automatic monthly refills of medication.

Family Medical Care Community Health Center is accepting new patients for all health insurances, Medicaid, Medicare and uninsured. Call (304) 748-2828 or visit www.familymc.org for more information about the benefits of making Family Medical Care your medical home. Or call (304) 748-4200 to see how Family Care Pharmacy can save you on your current medications.

Officials from the center will be in attendance during this year's annual Health and Wellness Fair, scheduled to take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Fort Steuben Mall.