

Clinic hoping for success with Health Plan applications

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has started receiving Oregon Health Plan Standard applications from the "reservation list" enrollments that began in late January.

The IHS business office and Rhonda Greene of the Managed Care program worked together to enroll as many Warm Springs community members as possible during the Jan.28-Feb. 29 enrollment period.

Reservation list applications were distributed to most Warm Springs small businesses, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs payroll department and the Warm Springs Forest Products.

MartiRai Ramsey, contact representative from the Health and Wellness Center, attended

a monthly meeting in Salem with the Department of Human Services, where she learned of another Oregon community that registered all of their eligible patients for the "reservation list," and had the applications sent to the local clinic to assure that they were completed and processed.

Ramsey realized that her outreach methods were not producing the community response anticipated. She returned to the Health and Wellness Center and began entering all eligible patients who currently had a "Warm Springs" address - about 1,350 patients.

The Health and Wellness Center business office staff worked together to make sure that all eligible patients were registered before the Feb. 29 dead-

line.

Thirty-eight Warm Springs patients were selected to receive an application in the month of March and 36 were selected for April. Once the application is received the applicant has 30 days to return the completed application to the Salem Oregon Health Plan office.

Each applicant is allowed to sign up all eligible household members, ages 19-64, who have no insurance or are under-insured, not currently pregnant, and meeting federal income guidelines.

If your name is drawn in the coming months, you will be contacted by MartiRai Ramsey to come into the clinic to complete your application. Be prepared to provide copies of your birth certificate, tribal ID, state license

or ID, and Social Security card, as well as documents verifying your income. If you cannot provide all these documents, please call Ramsey at the number listed below.

All children 18 and younger are currently eligible to apply for the OHP Plus benefits. Children can apply for the Oregon Health Plan even if their parents are not currently eligible. Parents can come to the clinic to see Ramsey or Rhonda Greene to complete an application for their children.

Congratulations to all selected March applicants for your prompt response in applying for benefits. We look forward to a successful return of completed April applications as well.

To reach Ramsey call 553-1196. *(Submitted by the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.)*

Hospital Auxiliary scholarships available

by Marie Williams
Scholarship chair

It is open season and the hunt is on in Jefferson County for local scholarships.

Applications are still being accepted from Mt. View Hospital Auxiliary scholarship program, which also administers the Velva K. Bean Memorial Scholarship fund and the Kimberly Olson Memorial Scholarship fund.

The gift of financial support has helped many local students to stay the course in their pursuit of higher education in the medical and healthcare professions.

With \$20,000 to give away this year, the auxiliary considers a wide variety of criteria and not just grades alone when determining who the recipients will be.

The program is open to residents in Jefferson County

and all of Warm Springs.

Part time students are now eligible to apply if they are taking a minimum of 6 credit hours.

The application is now easier than ever to find at its new home on the Mt. View Hospital website at www.mvhd.org.

On the home page just click on Volunteer Opportunities in the list of Quick Links. You may notice the application is longer and more detailed but don't let that scare you. It is lengthier because it was designed to reach all types of students that do and don't fit the category of high school senior headed right for college.

But the deadline is around the corner and no more applications will be accepted after May 15. Questions? Please call me 475-6453.

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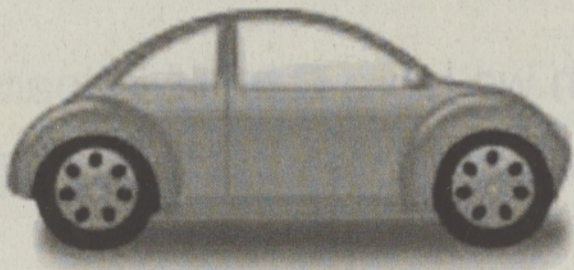
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