

# The Smoky Valley Cares Fund

*(formerly the Pink Fund)*

**The Smoky Valley Cares Fund** (formerly the Pink Fund) was originally established with proceeds from “Battle of the Buses” in September, 2011. The fund was initially developed to provide financial assistance to individuals for mammography and other cancer screening tests. Those tests include:

- Screening mammograms
- Additional views
- Diagnostic mammograms
- Breast sonography
- PSA screening tests, including well-male clinic visit charge
- PAP smear, including well-woman clinic visit charge

**The Smoky Valley Cares Fund** was designated to assist individuals who do not qualify for other financial assistance programs due to age, medical history, are uninsured, underinsured or are without sufficient funds to cover the services.

A referral for services must be initiated by the patient’s physician or medical provider to Lindsborg Community Hospital. Upon completion of the application form, Lindsborg Community Hospital will review patient income and establish eligibility. Lindsborg Community Hospital assumes no responsibility in validating accuracy or reported income by patient.

Patient must have household income at or below 200% of the Federal poverty level and be:

- Uninsured - Defined as without public or private insurance coverage
- Underinsured:
  - Patient has only Medicare part A
  - Patient has private insurance with barriers such as restricted benefits, deductibles, or co-payments. (may include Medicare parts A & B if client cannot afford co-pay)
- Mammogram, ultrasound or lab screening must be done at Lindsborg Community Hospital.
- Limited funds are available, so priority will be given to patients who reside in the Smoky Valley service area and seek regular medical care with FHCC providers.
- To protect patient privacy, no financial or diagnostic information will be revealed beyond the “need to know” employees that process the application.

## ***APPLICATION PROCESS:***

*COME WITH PROOF OF INCOME AND PRESCRIPTION to expedite your request.*

- Call to schedule a convenient time to visit with Lindsborg Community Hospital Financial Resources, 785-227-3308, for eligibility determination. Have a prescription from a medical provider for the test.

- Upon determination of eligibility, he/she will be issued a voucher. The individual is then responsible for making an appointment for a mammogram, sonogram or laboratory test at the Lindsborg Community Hospital.
- Patient presents LCH a qualifying voucher on the day of the appointment to Admissions. The results of the exam will be sent to the ordering medical provider.
- LCH will issue a request for funding to the Smoky Valley Cares Fund for payment.

Lindsborg Community Hospital will use the current year's guidelines for service as established by the Federal Poverty Guidelines, up to 250% per household size, but may allow for exceptions determined on a case-by-case basis.

## **The Smoky Valley Cares Fund: Beyond the cancer diagnosis**

With the over-whelming support of the people of the Smoky Valley, the Smoky Valley Cares Fund has grown beyond the means it can give back by providing screening mammograms. Effective with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Buses on September 13, the Pink Fund will offer financial assistance for cancer families in need in the form of grants from the Smoky Valley Cares Fund.

Each year, **The Smoky Valley Cares Fund** will designate up to \$3000 in total grants to individuals actively undergoing treatment for cancer. The funding is intended to provide assistance to a patient for the basic needs of health and well-being: nutrition, transportation, shelter and medicine. The funding will be at the discretion of the administrators of the Fund and will be issued in the form of a check.

A recipient may receive a maximum of \$500 per 12 month period. Each application must include a brief statement of financial need; a signed letter from a medical provider of the Lindsborg Community Hospital or treating oncologist and the completed application form. Limited funds are available, so priority will be given to patients who reside in the Smoky Valley service area and seek regular medical care with FHCC providers.