***“We Care…..*** ***about the health of those in need in Marion County”***

**Marion County We Care Program**

**Established: 1991**

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The We Care model represents the best efforts of volunteer professionals, State and local governments, collaborating to provide specialty care for the less fortunate in a dignified and effective manner.**

**We are grateful for the generosity of our volunteer physicians and hospitals! We appreciate their dedication and exceptional care. These physicians and hospitals DONATE their time, staff time, and services!**

**To date, We Care has assisted in over 26,000 referrals, and has donated millions of dollars in donated services.**

**FAQ’s:**

**What is We Care?**

**A. *We Care is donated specialty healthcare offered by Marion County physicians to qualified patients in need of specialty care. Services are for medically necessary only, and We Care does NOT cover preventative services.***

**Who can refer me to The We Care program?**

**A. *Heart of Florida Health Center***

**How do I qualify?**

**A. *Once diagnostic testing [required] is complete and specialty care is medically necessary, Heart of Florida Health Center will do a pre-screening to see if you may qualify. If so, they will give you the application that you will complete and submit by appointment to Community Services.***

***Once approved, you will be notified of the referral process.***

**Requirements are, but not limited to:**

* **Marion County Resident for @ least 6 months**
* **19 – 64 years of age**
* **Household income @ 125% or below Federal Poverty Guidelines**
* **Birth Certificate**
* **FL photo ID with current Marion County address, sorry NO exceptions**
* **Social Security Card**
* **NO pending application or appeals with SSA for SSI**
* **Proof of marital status**
* **Immigration/Naturalization or Resident Alien Card**
* **Medicaid denial**

***Please remember not all resources are available***

**Special thanks to the Community partners that help this program thrive:**

**Marion County Medical Society Marion County Board of Commission**

 **Heart of Florida Health Center AdventHealth**

**Ocala Regional Medical Center**

**You ABSOLUTELY do not qualify for We Care if any of the following: Recreational drug use, acts of violence, domestic violence, motor vehicle accident, workers comp, fractures, slip and falls, Hep C**

**We Care does NOT cover [not limited to]: Home Health, Anesthesia, Pathology, Laboratory services, sleep studies, ER visits or admissions from ER visits.**

**If you are a physician in Marion County and you are interested in becoming part of the We Care Program, please contact Barbara @ 352-732-9235. By seeing patients under WE CARE, you have Sovereign Immunity granted by the State of Florida! We look forward to you joining our team!**