



Frequently Asked Questions

What is ShareCare?

ShareCare is a new, affordable medical care program aimed at increasing health care access for individuals and families. The program is administered by Generations Health Care Initiatives, a Duluth non-profit that collaborates with community partners to address our region’s health issues. Currently, ShareCare partners include St. Luke’s Hospital and Clinics, the Duluth Family Practice Center, SuperiorHealth Centers, P.S. Rudie, MD & Associates, Duluth Kidney Services, LLC, Kundel Pediatric Associates, Northland Urology Associates, Relf Eye Associates, Lake Superior Community Health Center and several other medical practices (see attached).

Who is eligible for ShareCare?

Anyone who: 1) Has no health insurance, 2) Is not eligible for other public programs and 3) Meets income eligibility criteria—up to 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Household Annual Income % Above Federal Poverty Guidelines

| Family Size | 100% | 150% | 200% | 300% |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | \$10,400 | \$15,600 | \$20,800 | \$31,200 |
| 2 | \$14,000 | \$21,000 | \$28,000 | \$42,000 |
| 3 | \$17,600 | \$26,400 | \$35,200 | \$52,800 |
| 4 | \$21,200 | \$31,800 | \$42,400 | \$63,600 |
| 5 | \$24,800 | \$37,200 | \$49,600 | \$74,400 |
| 6 | \$28,400 | \$42,600 | \$56,800 | \$85,200 |
| 7 | \$32,000 | \$48,000 | \$65,000 | \$96,000 |

For each additional person, add \$3,600.

How much will I pay?

Your percent reduction from charges will vary from 20-100%, depending on your household size and income level.

| Income % Federal Poverty Guidelines | Hospital Inpatient & Outpatient Patient Payment | Clinic/Ambulatory Services Patient Payment |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 100% or less | 0% | 20% |
| 101% to 150% | 10% | 40% |
| 151% to 200% | 25% | 60% |
| 201% to 300% | 50% | 80% |

Where can I apply for the ShareCare Program?

Call or go to the Health Care Access Offices, located within the Lake Superior Community Health Center: 4325 Grand Avenue, Duluth, 722-9650 or 3600 Tower Avenue, Superior, 392-1955. www.lschc.org

What information do I need to bring when I apply?

- Social security numbers for household members
- Copies of paycheck stubs
- Statements with amount of other income sources
- Bank account information
- If self-employed, copy of most recent tax return

Will I have access to preventative and wellness care?

Yes. Other medical specialists participating in ShareCare place a strong emphasis on preventative and wellness care for you and your family. During enrollment, you will be asked to choose one participating clinic or doctor as your health care home. As necessary, you will see other medical specialists within the ShareCare network.

What type of health care services are covered?

- Clinic physician services, both primary care and specialty care
- Immunizations
- Lab and X-ray
- Inpatient and outpatient hospital care
- Urgent care
- Emergency room services when used for a true emergency
- Physical, Occupational, Speech, Respiratory, and Rehabilitative Therapy
- Home health services
- Hospice care
- Eye and hearing exams

Is there any type of care that is not covered?

- Prescription drugs from retail pharmacies (including those operated by the participating health care organizations)
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Eye glasses
- Hearing aids
- Prosthetics
- Ambulance and transportation services
- Cosmetic services
- Chiropractic care
- Dental care
- Alcohol and drug treatment
- Autopsy
- Treatment for infertility
- Services that are not deemed medically necessary
- Services received before the effective enrollment date or after the termination date in this program

The Health Care Access Office staff is also knowledgeable about other health programs that covers health needs such as medications, eyeglasses and dental care.