

**211.400 Kentucky Physicians Care Program -- Provision of primary health care services to eligible individuals -- Volunteer networks -- Advisory committees.**

- (1) To the extent possible with available funds, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall establish and operate the Kentucky Physicians Care Program to assist low-income uninsured individuals in accessing primary health care services provided by volunteer health care practitioners and pharmaceutical drugs donated by pharmaceutical companies.
- (2) The program may access networks of practitioners, pharmacies, and pharmaceutical companies that are maintained by entities that recruit volunteers and donations, such as Health Kentucky, Inc., to locate necessary health care services for eligible applicants.
- (3) The program shall:
  - (a) Operate and maintain a professionally staffed toll-free hotline information and referral service for individuals seeking primary care;
  - (b) Refer individuals seeking health care services to the Department for Community Based Services or other enrollment sites approved by the cabinet for eligibility determination;
  - (c) Refer individuals determined to be eligible to available health care service providers; and
  - (d) Maintain a confidential record of all referrals.
- (4) The program may:
  - (a) Create temporary volunteer advisory committees to provide input on program operations and efficiencies;
  - (b) Contract with qualified, independent third parties to provide services; and
  - (c) Apply for federal funds or other grants to operate the program.

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