

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to A.R.S. 11-251.08, the general public is hereby notified that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on December 14, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. to consider the implementation of a sliding fee scale and the following fee changes to the Reproductive Health Program.

Service	Proposed Fee (Full Price)
Comprehensive Preventive Visit (not including a pelvic exam)	\$25
Comprehensive Preventive Visit (including pelvic exam)	\$50
Depo-Provera Injection (3 month birth control shot)	\$35/injection (\$140/year)
Oral Birth Control Pills	\$10/cycle (\$120/year)
Cyclebeads (Natural Family Planning/Fertility Awareness)	Free
IUD Insertion	\$80
IUD Removal	\$40
IUD	Cost of device (dependent on which IUD client chooses)
Pregnancy Tests (if only service being performed)	\$5
Emergency Contraception	\$15
Condoms	Free

**Comprehensive visit includes: Height, Weight, Blood pressure, Thyroid, Heart, Lungs, Extremities, Breast, Abdomen, Pregnancy test, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea test



Cochise Health and Social Services Sliding Fee Scale Based on 2021 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

Family Size	0-150% Federal Poverty Level Patient Pays 0%	151-250% Federal Poverty Level Patient Pays 50%	251% and greater Federal Poverty Level Patient Pays 100%
1	\$0 - \$19,320	\$19321 - \$32,200	\$32,201 and up
2	\$0 - \$26,130	\$26131 - \$43,550	\$43,551 and up
3	\$0 - \$32,940	\$32941 - \$54,900	\$54,901 and up
4	\$0 - \$39,750	\$39751 - \$66,250	\$66,251 and up
5	\$0 - \$46,560	\$46561 - \$77,600	\$77,601 and up
6	\$0 - \$53,370	\$53371 - \$88,950	\$88,951 and up
7	\$0 - \$60,180	\$60181 - \$100,300	\$100,301 and up
8	\$0 - \$66,990	\$66991 - \$111,650	\$111,651 and up
9	\$0 - \$73,800	\$73801 - \$123,000	\$123,001 and up
10	\$0 - \$80,610	\$80611 - \$134,350	\$134,351 and up

*For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each additional person.

These changes will allow Cochise Health and Social Services to open its door to all individuals requesting reproductive health services, regardless of income and poverty level.

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out, beginning at 8 in the morning. Because this is a drive-up distribution, a line of cars stretches to the end of the road and around the block, the occupants waiting for their turn to collect the food.

Monday's distribution is particularly important because this is when recipients get protein among the foodstuff. They receive cold cuts, vegetables, fruit, bread and some kind of sweet.

The office is open to the public from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday.

At noon on Thursday, another set of boxes is prepared and given out, this one with vegetables and bread, and the long line begins again.

No questions are asked; no one is turned away. No one has to present any identification or citizenship papers or income proof. Anyone may get a box.

For people who live below the poverty line, there is also an emergency box containing staples such as oil, flour, sugar and canned goods. That box may only be obtained once a month. Recipients do not have to prove their income.

The Thanksgiving meal giveaway began at 3 p.m. but at 11:30 a.m., people started lining up in their cars, which extended for at least half a mile. It was worth the wait because guests received not just a turkey, but gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cranber-

sne sara. "The grimace that stole Christmas, and all of a sudden he gets it, and his heart grows 10 times bigger. It's like that (for me). Especially when people are so grateful. They're like, 'Oh, gosh. You don't know how much this means to me.' It's awesome."

At the end of the day or when she looks down that line of cars, Worden counts her blessings.

"It makes me feel very blessed, that I can help people, and that I know they're appreciative," she said. "I see a lot of tears; I hear a lot of thank yous, and I see a lot of people that want to duck their heads. I feel like I'm in a position to do what I'm called to do, and that is to take care of our community and see that no one goes hungry."

If you know someone who is hungry, anyone, Worden said, you may pick up food for that person or family. The only question she will ask is, "How many people are you feeding?"

"If there is a person out there that you as a person who reads this, you know is hungry, is not getting enough food, maybe you're shut in, maybe somebody just doesn't know about us, someone that just can't even think about it, we are here," Worden said. "Come to us; we will give (you) food to take to them. I feel that people who do that are doing a great service."