

## Resources for Finding Healthcare on a Dime

### Step One: Determine your need

- Is it an emergency?
  - Life threatening illness or injury
  - Open 24 hours 7 days a week
  - Anyone can go
- Primary care visit?
  - Minor illness such as a cold
  - Open during regular business hours
  - Vaccines and check-ups
- After-hours care
  - Minor medical issues when primary care is closed but it is not a life threatening emergency

### Step Two: Determine which clinic is best for you

- If you are experiencing an emergency, go to the ER
- Primary care issues: Go to one of the clinics listed below:
- CARES Medical Clinic
  - Eligibility: any patient without insurance
  - Phone: 843-876-7097
  - Address: East Cooper Community Outreach, ECCO 1145 Six Mile Road Mount Pleasant, SC 29466
  - Website: <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/cares>
- Shifa Free Clinic
  - Address: 1092 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. Suite 108 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 USA
  - Phone: (843) 352-4580
  - Website: <https://www.icnarelief.org/shifaclinics/our-mission/>
- Harvest Free Clinic
  - Eligibility: uninsured and low income (<200% FPL)
  - Phone: 843-747-3526
  - Address: 1670 Drydock Avenue, Building 10, North Charleston
  - Website: [https://www.freeclinics.com/det/sc\\_Harvest\\_Free\\_Medical\\_Clinic](https://www.freeclinics.com/det/sc_Harvest_Free_Medical_Clinic)
- Fetter Health
  - Eligibility: Sliding scale payments
  - Services: Multiple types of care offered
  - Phone: 843-722-4112
  - <https://www.fetterhealthcare.org/our-locations/>
- Dream Clinic
  - Payment: Sliding scale
  - Eligibility: at or below 200% FPL, photo ID, proof of residency, proof of income or food stamps
  - Phone: 843-225-1115
  - Address: 5505 North Rhett Avenue, North Charleston

- **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)**
  - Non-profit organizations that offer primary care to patients of all ages and all residency statuses
  - Accept uninsured patients, those with Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance
    - Payment is based on a sliding scale
    - NOT a free clinic, minimum payment is \$25
    - Base payment is calculated based on total income and number of people in the household
  - Fetter Health Care Network services the Tri-County area
    - Case workers are available to assist in scheduling appointments
    - Eight different locations from Downtown Charleston to Walterboro
  
- **Rural Health Clinics**
  - Private practices located in rural areas
  - Accept patients insured with Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance
  - Co-payment expected at the time of service
  
- **Free Clinics**
  - Non-profit organizations that provide care based on their individual missions
  - No rules on what types of services are provided
  - Most free clinics require patients to be truly uninsured
  - Care is provided at no charge, but may not have the capacity to provide all the care the patient needs
  
- **Emergency Rooms**
  - Not the desired location for primary care services
  - Intended for true emergencies
  - Care is very expensive
  - All people, insured or uninsured, are eligible for care