



Little Colorado Medical Center Implementation Strategy

1) Home Health

- Current activities
 - Northern Arizona Home Care provides home health services in the region.
- Proposed activities
 - Little Colorado Medical Center (LCMC) does not plan to engage in any specific programs related to home health services during the current period as it is not currently in a financial position to address this issue. In addition, as noted above other services are available in the community.

2) Mental Health

- Current activities
 - Community Counseling Center provides outpatient services
 - Inpatient facilities in both White Mountain and Flagstaff are available for transfers from LCMC
- Proposed activities
 - Telemedicine
 - Program description
 - ◆ LCMC will explore the availability of telemedicine options to address this issue
 - Resources committed
 - ◆ Staff time to look into telemedicine options
 - Anticipated impact of the program
 - ◆ LCMC will be able to provide a minimal level of mental health services through evaluations and assessment performed by specialists in other locations
 - Plan to evaluate the impact
 - ◆ If the telemedicine option is feasible, LCMC will review the number of patients seen through telemedicine and track results
 - Collaboration with others (if applicable)
 - ◆ Other hospital systems which may be able to provide telemedicine
 - ◆ Inpatient facilities in White Mountain and Flagstaff
 - LCMC will continue to ensure providers are aware of the signs of mental health issues and encourage them to refer to inpatient facilities or outpatient service providers
 - LCMC will ensure patients are aware of services in the service area

3) Alcoholism (Unreimbursed care, use of ER, repeat admissions)

- Current activities
 - Hospital
 - Social Services department refers those in need to the Community Bridges –Detox program
- Proposed activities
 - LCMC will not develop any specific actions related to this need as services are provided in the community
 - LCMC will commit staff time to explore services provided in the community



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- LCMC will continue to refer patients in need of detox services to Community Bridges
- LCMC will continue to ensure providers are aware of the signs of alcohol abuse and encourage them to refer to others
- LCMC will make sure patients are aware of services in the service area
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4) Senior Care

- Current activities
 - Senior Center-located in Winslow and funded by federal government and city
- Proposed activities
 - LCMC does not plan to engage in any specific programs related to senior care during the current period as it is not currently in a financial position to address this issue. In addition, as noted above some services are provided by others in the community.
 - LCMC will ensure providers are aware of the senior care options that are available and will discuss these options with patients.

5) Poverty (lack of basic needs, high unemployment/underemployment, affordability of medications)

- While poverty is an underlying cause of health issues, it is not something that LCMC feels it is in a position to address as a hospital. Therefore, it does not plan to engage in any specific programs related to poverty during the current period.