

Mission Statement

To increase access to health care for low-income uninsured members of our community by using a volunteer network of providers working in a coordinated fashion to create a compassionate, respectful, equitable, accountable and efficient program of necessary services for those in need.

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Pharmacy Benefit Added - Ready for Rapid Enrollment of Patients

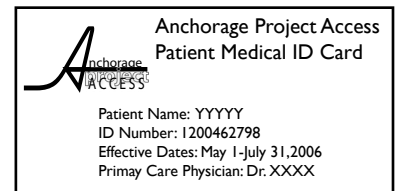
Carrs/Safeway of Anchorage will provide pharmacy benefits for Anchorage Project Access patients. The plan was spearheaded by Ron Miller, RPh, regional manager. A similar plan with Safeway in Spokane, Washington, has been serving patients for a year. Spokane's Project Access program features multiple pharmacy chains and individual proprietors

and Anchorage may eventually follow this model. "The pharmacy benefit is the final link needed in the Project Access safety net and so now our priority turns to rapid screening of eligible patients and appropriate referral to volunteer services," said epidemiologist Dr. Cathie Schumacher at a recent Anchorage Project Access Executive Com-

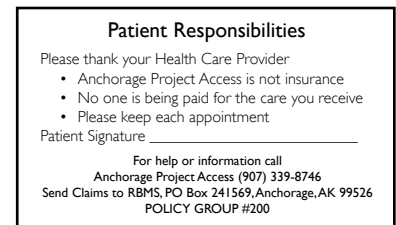
mittee meeting. The \$500 per-year benefit provides prescriptions for a \$5 co-pay to patients enrolled in the pharmacy benefit. Patients are enrolled for 6 months (primary care) or 3 months (specialty care.) Patients referred from Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center will receive their medications at the Fairview site pharmacy.

Enroll Patients Now!

Office staff, community agencies, providers and patients can call 339-8746 to start the enrollment process. Enrollment criteria are: 1) income below 200% of poverty (e.g., \$24.5K individual, \$50K family of four); 2) Anchorage residence; 3) lack of any possible health care coverage, and 4) medical need. Availability of last year's income tax return or monthly paycheck stubs speed the screening process because financial review is required. Patients are issued ID cards however, appointments are made only by Anchorage Project Access staff.



Sample Medical ID Card - Front



Sample Medical ID Card - Back

Board Convenes

The first quarterly meeting of the Anchorage Project Access Board of Directors was held February 27, 2006. Board members consist of: primary care, midlevel and specialty care practitioners; legal, accounting,

non-profit and pastoral professionals; Anchorage and State Health Department representatives, and hospital representatives. The mission, funding and organization of Anchorage Project Access was addressed. Committees

include executive, finance, clinical care, pharmacy and governance. The next board meeting will be a retreat, scheduled for May 20, 2006. Please contact any board member for questions or input.



THANK-YOU

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- Alaska Regional Hospital
- Alaska Nurse Practitioner Association
- Alaska Primary Care Association
- Anchorage Access to Health Care Coalition
- Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
- Anchorage Medical Society
- The Foraker Group
- Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Health and Human Services
- Providence Health System of Alaska
- United Way of Anchorage

Health Care Professionals

Thank you to the following in the medical profession that have seen Anchorage Project Access patients in our first three months of operation. If we have left your business name off the list, please accept our apologies and contact Liz Burris, Project Manager at 339-8779. Your business name will be included in the next publication of "The Colleague."*

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*Please note that only Anchorage Project Access staff can make appointments for Project Access patients. To refer a patient or schedule a patient appointment please call 339-8746.