Little Shell Healthcare Program
A “NEW” PATIENT APPOINTMENT

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: MUST BE an enrolled member or Descendent of an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe.

INFORM PATIENT TO CHECK IN AT LEAST 1 HOUR PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CHART WITH ALL DOCUMENTS

a. PROOF of being a member or descendent of Tribal member. MUST BRING YOUR TRIBAL ID/CIB to your 1st appointment to establish eligibility.

b. IF DESCENDENT of parent, grandparent, we will need their TRIBAL ID & STATE BIRTH CERTIFICATES for ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WHICH links the patient to the Tribal Member to show proof of Decedency.
   - Example: Patient is descendant of Grandmother; we will need Grandmother's Tribal ID, Parent State Birth Certificate and Patient's State BC; all birth certificates showing names or lineage "link" back to Grandmother.

c. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS we will also need:
   - Social Security Card - our system is linked to Social Security Administration and once we put in the RPMS/GUI system it takes time for SSA to verify. That is why you see on page 2 in RPMS (Verified by SSA OR Not Verified by SSA).
   - State ID Card or Driver's License (picture ID)
   - Insurance Cards. (So proper ID/Group Name/Group # is entered for billing purposes).
   - Military DD-214 for those that served in the U.S. Military. Veterans maybe eligible for Veterans Medical Beneficiary.

d. CUSTODY/GUARDIAN PAPERWORK for Minors.

e. PARENTAL PRE-AUTHORIZATION signed by parent/legal guardian if you want another person to bring your child or children to a doctor's appointment. You can fill out the proper I.H.S. forms at patient registration.

f. NEWBORN: We will need Mothers Tribal ID along with the Hospital Record and/or CRIB Card at first visit; mothers name will be on the Hospital Record of Birth/CRIB Card. WE WILL NEED STATE BIRTH CERTIFICATE ONCE PARENT RECEIVES IT WITHIN 60 DAYS OR patient will be considered ineligible.

Eligibility will be extended to NON-INDIAN in only three (3) situations:

a. Non-Indian woman pregnant with eligible Indian's child for duration of pregnancy through six (6) weeks post-partum for pregnancy related care only. WE WILL NEED PROOF OF PREGNANCY FROM OUTSIDE FACILITY BEFORE APPOINTMENT.

b. Non-Indian member of eligible Indian's household-public health hazard only.

   (PL100-713). NOTE: Non-Indian patients who do not meet the above eligibility but present at I.H.S. Emergency Room for emergency care (prevent immediate death, serious impairment to life, limb, senses) can be treated, stabilized and outed to a NON-I.H.S. facility with patient responsible for costs; they will need to follow up with their own provider.