

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We've just gone through a heat spell of over 100 degree temperatures here in Ada. It's coincidental that the work on the air conditioners and duct work is almost complete on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Wiring is also being laid for the many computers and equipment hook ups needed. Unfortunately, we lost some of the trees around the new Medical Center due to high winds; they will be replaced, however.

Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker met with the Committee this month and gave an excellent report. Jerry Morgan, M.D., will be joining the staff of Family Practice Clinic starting July 9, 2009. Dr. Morgan has been in practice for 30 plus years and is board certified in internal medicine. He will see adult patients. Mauri Thomas, D.D.S., will be working at the Tishomingo Dental Clinic starting July 15, 2009. Dr. Thomas has been in practice for over 20 years. Tanya Hudson, ARNP, has been an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner for the last 4 years. She will be seeing patients in the Same Day Clinic starting July 9, 2009. Welcome aboard to these well qualified health care providers. We are glad to have you join us!

With the new Health Administrator comes a new way of reporting the patient visits of the Health Care System. The new method of reporting will show actual patient/provider visits. The old system also showed all visits to the pharmacy, radiology, etc., so some patients were being counted multiple times. Therefore, the new method statistics cannot be compared with the old statistics. Also, statistics for pediatrics, internal medicine and OB/GYN clinics will be included in the new method. Last year's figures for the same time period are shown in parentheses.

The following are statistics for the month of June, 2009: Emergency Room visits were 440 (416). June saw 162 surgeries (263). We lost a regular part-time general surgeon which accounts for the drop in numbers. The Same-day Clinic saw 2,184 patients (2,217). The Family Practice

Clinic in Ada and satellite clinics saw 4,034 patients total in June (2,799). Internal Medicine saw 440 patients (416), Pediatrics saw 986 patients (613) and OB/GYN saw 52 patients (50).

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address [mary.green@chickasaw.net](mailto:mary.green@chickasaw.net) or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.