

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We are finally blessed with typical summer weather. Sunshine and 90 degree temperatures are a welcome relief from everyday rain.

We are proceeding with the plans for a new hospital and are learning of young Chickasaws studying to be medical doctors. We also need more young people to go into nursing. As our nurses age and retire, we need young Chickasaws to fill their places and care for our Indian people.

Last month I mentioned that you may want to transfer your health care to the Purcell Clinic. I wish to give you further information about the Clinic. The patient capacity of the Clinic is currently full so you must get on a waiting list. The Clinic currently has only 2 health care providers; therefore, a waiting list is necessary. The pharmacy at the Purcell Clinic is only for the use of Purcell Clinic patients. Patients of other clinics and doctors are not able to get their prescriptions filled there. You are reminded to continue with your current health care plans until the Clinic can accept you as a new patient. We are working on expanding the Clinic to provide additional health care and I will let you know when that happens. Thank you for your patience.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: for the month of June, 2007, there were 220 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 15,143. June Emergency Room visits were 993. June saw 229 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,521 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,231 patients in June. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,604 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,191. The Durant Clinic saw 2,261

patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,544 in June.

May God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address 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 month, thank you.