

Greetings and Happy New Year from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! I look forward to serving you in 2005 and know that working together we can accomplish great things for our Chickasaw Nation.

Bill Lance, Administrator of the Chickasaw Health System has provided the following information for this month's report. The total number of hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility for November was 204 and a 9 month total (February through November, 2004) was 1,961. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,518 for November and 126,782 for the last 9 months. Emergency Room visits were 975 in November and 9,054 in the last 9 months. The number of surgeries for November was 203 and 2,136 for the last 9 months. The Same-day Clinic saw 2,902 patients in November and 24,947 in the last 9 months.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 3,781 patients in November and 40,984 in the last 9 months. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,905 for November and 26,470 in the last 9 months. The Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,599 patients in November and 23,113 in the last 9 months. The Durant Clinic saw 2,389 patients in November and 22,387 in the last 9 months. The total number of patients seen by the new Purcell Clinic was 310 for October and 398 for November for a 2 month total of 708. I'm glad to see the numbers being reported for our new Purcell Clinic.

Mr. Lance also reported that flu vaccine is available for those who qualify under guidelines for the aged, children and those with chronic health conditions. We hope to receive additional vaccine in the near future so that the guidelines can be broadened. The search for a full time doctor in Ardmore continues to be a top priority. A position is also open in Tishomingo for a dentist. Meanwhile, Carl Albert Hospital will staff those positions with Carl Albert doctors. The elder care clinic in Carl Albert Hospital will be located where the eye clinic is currently situated. The eye clinic will be removed to the area vacated by WIC.

Education Department reported that the application for all education grants and scholarships is now on-line at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net). The new application appears to be more user friendly than in the past and I encourage all Chickasaw students to apply in a timely manner for education assistance. The Chickasaw Nation will be the host for the Johnston O'Malley (JOM) conference to be held in Tulsa on March 21-23,

2005.

Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! For your information, my articles are now located on the internet at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net). I wish one and all the happiest of New Years! Thank you.