

VAFCC Meeting of Members – Executive Director Conference

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Fredericksburg Hospitality House

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF A FREE CLINIC

The VAFCC Board of Directors voted on January 25, 2013 to present the following change in definition of a free clinic to the members for consideration and approval. The proposed change was presented to members on March 14, 2013. Changes were approved by the membership.

Current VAFCC Definition	Proposed Definition
<p>Clinic Definition: Free clinics are volunteer-based, safety net health care organizations that provide a range of medical, dental, pharmacy, and/or behavioral health services to economically disadvantaged individuals who are predominately uninsured.</p> <p>Free clinics are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, or operate as a program component or affiliate of a 501(c)(3) organization. Entities that otherwise meet the above definition, but charge a nominal fee to patients, may still be considered free clinics provided essential services are delivered regardless of the patient's ability to pay. (Adopted 4/2011)</p>	<p>Clinic Definition: Free and charitable clinics are safety-net health care organizations that utilize a <i>volunteer/staff</i> model to provide a range of medical, dental, pharmacy, vision and/or behavioral health services to economically disadvantaged individuals. Such clinics are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, or operate as a program component or affiliate of a 501(c)(3) organization.</p> <p>Entities that otherwise meet the above definition, but charge a nominal/sliding fee to patients, may still be considered free or charitable clinics provided essential services are delivered regardless of the patient's ability to pay. Free or charitable clinics restrict eligibility for their services to individuals who are uninsured, underinsured and/or have limited or no access to primary, specialty or prescription health care.</p> <p><i>(Retrieved from NAFCC website 1/25/13)</i></p>