

Nurse Practitioners and Physician's Assistants are Good Sources of Primary Health Care

Medicare patients need to have a primary care provider, someone who can follow them for most of their medical issues over years and coordinate specialty care and referrals if needed.

Possible providers include physicians like Internists and Family Practitioners but also Nurse Practitioners (NP) and Physician Assistants (PA), both of whom can be highly trained experts in their fields. The differences are mainly in minimum years of training:

Physicians: 4 years college + 4 years medical school +
3 years residency

Nurse Practitioners : 1-4 years college + 2 years RN + 2 years NP
program(can practice independently in Nevada)

Physician's Assistants: 1-4 years college + 2 years PA school
(need to work under supervision of a physician).

An experienced Physician's Assistant specializing in medicine can provide superb general or specialty care serving 90% of the needs of most Medicare patients. The key is their experience, commitment, and continued growth after training, the same as with Nurse Practitioners and Physicians.

Where Can I Go to See a Doctor?

Medicare Providers, Urgent Care and Senior Services



Compiled by the Medicare in Elko Work Group

Check out our web site for more information:

medicareinelko.org

(All the providers listed are taking new patients using Medicare.)

Medicare Providers in Elko

(Providing long-term associations)

Dr. Spogen

Chair of the Dept. of Family Medicine, UNR School of Medicine
Telemedicine, video communication from Reno, RN in exam room
Appointment: 775-982-7700 and specify Dr. Spogen in Elko
Exams take place at Nevada Health Center, 762 14th Street, Elko

Nevada Health Center

762 14th Street, Elko, 738-1553
M-F 8-5, closed 12-1
2 Doctors, Nurse Practitioner, Physician's Assistant
First appointment takes about 2 weeks

Northeastern Nevada Family Medicine

1995 Errecart Blvd STE 203, 777-2061
M-F 8-5 (closed 12-1)
Doctorate Nurse Practitioner
First appointment takes about 1 1/2 weeks

Postgraduate Internal Medicine Residents at the Elko Clinic

1995 Errecart Blvd, Suite 102, 738-3111
M-F 8-5
First appointment takes about 1 week

A+ Total Care

976 Mountain City Hwy, 777-7587
ElkoUrgentCare.com, info@a-plusurgentcare.com
Mon & Wed 10am – 8pm, Tue & Fri 8am – 6pm
Nurse Practitioner by Appointment Only

Medicare Providers outside of Elko

(Providing long-term associations)

Carlin Community Health Clinic

310 Memory Lane, Carlin, 754-2666
Nurse Practitioner, Th-F only
Sees Elko residents
First appointment takes about 2 weeks

Nevada Health Center Clinics in Austin, Crescent Valley,
Eureka, Jackpot and West Wendover

Battle Mountain Clinic

535 S Humboldt Street, Suite A, Battle Mountain
M-F 7– 6pm, 775-635-2424
3 Physicians, 3 Nurse Practitioners
Sees Elko residents
First appointment on same day or takes about 1 day

Urgent Care

(does not provide long-term associations)

A+ Total Care

976 Mountain City Hwy, 777-7587
ElkoUrgentCare.com, info@a-plusurgentcare.com
M-F 8-7:30pm, Sat 9-4, Sun 10-2
Doctor, Physician's Assistant and Nurse Practitioner
Most services, walk-in and appointments

Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital Emergency Room

2001 Errecart Boulevard, Elko
24 hours/day
All emergency services, walk-in

Other Services

Canyon Chiropractic Clinic

Spring Valley Pkwy, Suite E, Spring Creek, 753-9395
M-F 9-6
First appointment same or next day

Senior Services

Veterans

Nevada Department of Veteran Services
777-1000

Terrace at Ruby View: Senior and Active Lifestyle Center

1795 Ruby View Drive, Elko, Nevada, 775-738-3030
Senior programs and Information, M-F, 8-4
Free Health Screenings, Health Services, Fitness classes
Podiatry clinic, 60 and older, one day per month.
Call for schedule

Having trouble with Medicare?

Nevada State Health Insurance Assistance Program
Medicare Counseling Program
877-861-1893, 753-4085

Nevada Office for Consumer Health Assistance
Griswold Hall, 701 Walnut St., Elko
888-333-1597, 753-4085