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October 23, 2017

Cherokee Nation Health Services:

Please be advised that Cherokee Freedmen are citizens of the Cherokee Nation and are therefore entitled to any and all health services offered by the Cherokee Nation so long as that individual meets the program specific eligibility requirements to receive that service.

To be eligible for health services a person must have or be one of the following:

- A Cherokee Freedman with a Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card or a Cherokee Nation Tribal citizenship card;
- A non-Native American female currently pregnant with a Cherokee Freedman male's (who has either a CDIB or a Cherokee Nation Tribal citizenship card) child for the duration of the pregnancy (including initial pregnancy test) through postpartum (usually 6 weeks);
- A non-Native American residing in a Cherokee Freedman household when services are necessary to control a public health hazard; or
- A non-Native American child under the age of 19 years who is the adopted child, step-child, foster-child or legal ward of state of an eligible Cherokee Freedman, or a child who is living in the home of an eligible Cherokee Freedman in a parent/child relationship.
- To establish eligibility, appropriate documentation must be provided.

Once an individual has met the requirements to be a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, they are vested with the same rights as any other Cherokee citizen. Questions and concerns can be directed to the Office of the Attorney General at 918-453-5262.

Sincerely,

/s/

Todd Hembree
Attorney General

Sincerely,

/s/

Connie Davis
Executive Director for Health Services