

## **Medical Ministry Eligibility For 2023**

ABCCM Medical Ministry is a listening ministry that is led by volunteers. Our Receptionist, Intake and Data Entry volunteers are trained non-medical professionals, while medical, dental and pharmacy volunteers all hold appropriate licenses for the services that they provide. Some volunteers are interns or residents in training. These services are offered at “no charge,” which is why we are often referred to as a “free clinic.” Donations and expressions of thanks are accepted and appreciated. We are committed to each person’s dignity and respect the diversity of our patients. Patients receive education regarding their condition, within our scope of practice, to empower choices in their health care with recommended labs, access to radiology and specialty care referrals for treatment. We will inform patients of resources in our goal to improve equity in access to health care. Our doors are open, thanks to the volunteer Doctors and Nurses for Medical, Dentists and Dental Assistants for Dental, plus Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians for Pharmacy. The clinic is accredited with the NC Association of Free and Charitable Clinics.

ABCCM Medical Ministry is committed to collaboration with all Providers in the Buncombe County Health Care Safety Net. This collaboration includes: Mission Health System, Advent Health, Buncombe County Health Department, WNC Community Health Services (Minnie Jones Clinic and Hominy Valley Clinic), Appalachian Mountain Community Health Centers (Dale Fell, Rescue Mission, Vanderbilt, and Leicester Family Clinic), Blue Ridge Community Health Centers (South Buncombe Clinic), Mercy Urgent Care Centers, MAHEC Family Health, and Western Carolina Medical Society Project Access. The health care system is complex and every patient is encouraged to establish a medical care home plus a care navigator’s help with access to the basic necessities of food, housing, education, employment, transportation and health care.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Be a resident of Buncombe County
2. Be without Health Insurance (this includes Private Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or VA)
3. Pharmacy assistance may be available for underinsured individuals
4. Gross Income is below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart)

### **Income Eligibility Guidelines (250% FPL)**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Gross Monthly Income</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$3,038</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$4,108</b>

<b>3</b>	<b>\$5,179</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$7,321</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$8,392</b>

\*add \$1,071 for each additional person in household