

Sept. 26, 1963

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Mrs. Mae Davis
124 West Main
Anadarko, Okla. 73005

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Dear Mrs. Davis:

Further reference is made to your letter regarding medical and health facilities at the Indian Public Health Clinics at Lawton and Anadarko.

The enclosed letter from the Chief of the Division of Indian Health points out that in the past persons have been treated who were not actually within a high enough priority for medical services. These persons have been eliminated by a tightening of the screening procedures.

The Medical Officer in Charge at the Lawton hospital is in a position to answer any specific questions you may have about the eligibility requirements.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
Public Health Service
Washington 25, D. C.

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SEP 25, 1963

Dear Senator Monroney:

This is in reply to your referral on September 9, 1963, of a communication from Mrs. Mae Davis of Anadarko, Oklahoma, in which she expressed concern for medical and health facilities for Indians in Anadarko and Lawton.

We are aware of the concern in this matter among a number of individuals in Anadarko. Our review of the situation indicates that in the course of improving their screening procedures, to adhere more closely to the eligibility criteria of the Oklahoma Indian Health Area Office, the Anadarko Clinic, as well as the Indian hospital at Lawton, has denied persons who were previously treated but who were not actually within a high enough priority for medical services of the Indian health program.

In the event that Mrs. Davis has specific questions concerning the eligibility requirements of the Oklahoma Indian Health Area Office, she should feel free to contact that office or the Medical Officer in Charge at the Lawton hospital.

Sincerely yours,

Carruth J. Wagner, M. D.
Assistant Surgeon General
Chief, Division of Indian Health

Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Sept. 9, 1963

Mrs. Mae Davis
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Dear Mrs. Davis:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter alleging that many Indians are not receiving health benefits at the Indian Public Health Clinics at Anadarko and Lawton.

It was not indicated in just what areas Indian health services are deficient at these two Clinics, or why medical services are not being provided.

However, I am asking the Division of Indian Health, Public Health Service, for a report on the Anadarko and Lawton Clinics, and will write you again just as soon as I have a reply.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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