

November 21, 1963

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Mrs. Fay Miller Owings
Route 1
Anadarko, Okla. 73005

Dear Mrs. Owings:

This has further reference to your letter stating that you are denied the use of the Public Health Service Clinic at Anadarko and the Public Health Service Indian Hospital at Lawton.

According to the enclosed report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, your marriage to a non-Indian makes you ineligible for the use of these facilities.

It is pointed out, however, that when a non-Indian husband is unable to provide hospital and medical care and there are no other available resources where the Indian wife may be admitted, under certain circumstances she may be cared for in Indian Health facilities.

If you feel that you are in fact in the eligible category, you should so advise the Medical Office in Charge at the Lawton Hospital.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Indian Health Area Office
301 Post Office & Court House Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Refer to:

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

Re: Owings, Fay Miller
Rt. 1, Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Senator Monroney:

Receipt is acknowledged of your correspondence dated October 31, 1963, transmitting a letter from Mrs. Owings concerning the Public Health Service Hospital at Lawton, Oklahoma, and the PHS Clinic at Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Owings, according to our records, is married to a non-Indian and for that reason is not considered eligible for Public Health Service care at Division of Indian Health facilities. This is in accordance with our policy. When a non-Indian is married to an Indian woman, it is expected that he will provide for her, including her medical care. When the non-Indian husband is unable to provide hospital and medical care and there are no other available resources where the Indian wife can be admitted, then if otherwise eligible, the Indian wife may be cared for in Division of Indian Health facilities.

If Mrs. Owings has further information which would place her in the eligible category, she should so advise the Medical Officer in Charge at the Lawton Hospital.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Benjamin E. McBrayer, M.D.

Benjamin E. McBrayer, M.D.
Indian Health Area Director

October 31, 1963

Mrs. Fay Miller Owings ✓
Route 1
Anadarko, Okla. 73005

Dear Mrs. Owings:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter stating that while you are a fullblood Wichita Indian, you are denied the use of the Public Health Service Clinic at Anadarko and the Public Health Service Indian Hospital at Lawton.

I appreciate your brining this situation to my attention, and I will be pleased to obtain a full report to make certain that you are not being deprived of benefits to which you are justly entitled. When I receive the report, I will write you again.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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