

October 21, 1963

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Indians*

Mrs. Lila Smith
306 Kansas Street
Pawnee, Okla. 74058

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The enclosed letter from the Public Health Service explains that as the non-Indian widow of John C. Smith, fullblood Pawnee, you are not eligible for medical care since you are not caring for children of your deceased husband.

Your belief that you should be entitled to medical care is understood, and I regret very much that it cannot be provided under current eligibility requirements of the Division of Indian Health.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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October 21, 1953

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Mrs. L. E. Smith
500 Kansas Street
Kansas, Okla. 74102

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The enclosed letter from the Public Health Service explains that as the non-Indian widow of John E. Smith, deceased, you are not eligible for medical care since you are not caring for children of your deceased husband.

Your belief that you should be entitled to medical care is understandable, and I regret very much that it cannot be provided under current eligibility requirements of the Division of Indian Health.

With best regards and good wishes, I am,

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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:

Your note of
Oct. 9, 1963

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

Dear Senator Monroney:

The Medical Officer in Charge of our Pawnee PHS Indian Hospital has forwarded your inquiry along with the letter from Lila Smith, 306 Kansas, Pawnee, Oklahoma, to us for reply.

Mrs. Smith first received treatment at the Pawnee Hospital on December 3, 1962. At that time her husband was terminally ill at this hospital. Since then Mrs. Smith has been seen on numerous occasions.

Recently in reviewing the charts of new patients seen during the past year at the Pawnee Hospital it was noted that Mrs. Smith is a non-Indian and a widow and is not caring for children of her deceased husband. According to Division of Indian Health eligibility requirements the white widow of a deceased Indian man is eligible for care under our program only if she is caring for the children of such marriage. Understandably then, Mrs. Smith is not eligible for care under our program and was notified of this in a letter from our office dated September 11, 1963.

Mrs. Smith appealed this ruling to this office and in a letter to Mrs. Smith dated September 27, 1963, our decision was again stated as above.

I hope that the above is of some help to you in advising Mrs. Smith of the necessary action taken within scope of Division regulations.

Sincerely yours,

[Sgd] Dean F. Tirador, M. D.

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

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Original letter from Mrs. Smith

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE



Division of Health Care Policy and Resources
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Washington, D.C. 20001

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Sincerely,
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Very truly yours,

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Respectfully,
Sincerely,
Dean F. Tindor, M.D.

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National Health Service

Original letter from Dean Tindor

October 9, 1963

Mrs. Lila Smith
306 Kansas Street
Pawnee, Okla. 74058

Dear Mrs. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter stating that as the non-Indian widow of John C. Smith, fullblood Pawnee, you have been informed that you are not entitled to medical care or treatment at the Pawnee Indian Hospital.

As you perhaps know, Indian Hospitals have been taken over by the Public Health Service, an agency of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. As a result, some changes in the rules of eligibility have been made.

Inquiry is being made to determine whether or not you are being deprived of privileges to which you are properly entitled, and I will write you again just as soon as I have something to report.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

jy

October 9, 1963

Mrs. Lila Smith
306 Kansas Street
Lawrence, Ohio 44036

Dear Mrs. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter stating that as the non-insured widow of John C. Smith, killed in Lawrence, you have been informed that you are not entitled to medical care or treatment at the Lawrence Indian Hospital.

As you perhaps know, Indian Hospitals have been taken over by the U.S. Public Health Service, an agency of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. As a result, some changes in the rules of eligibility have been made.

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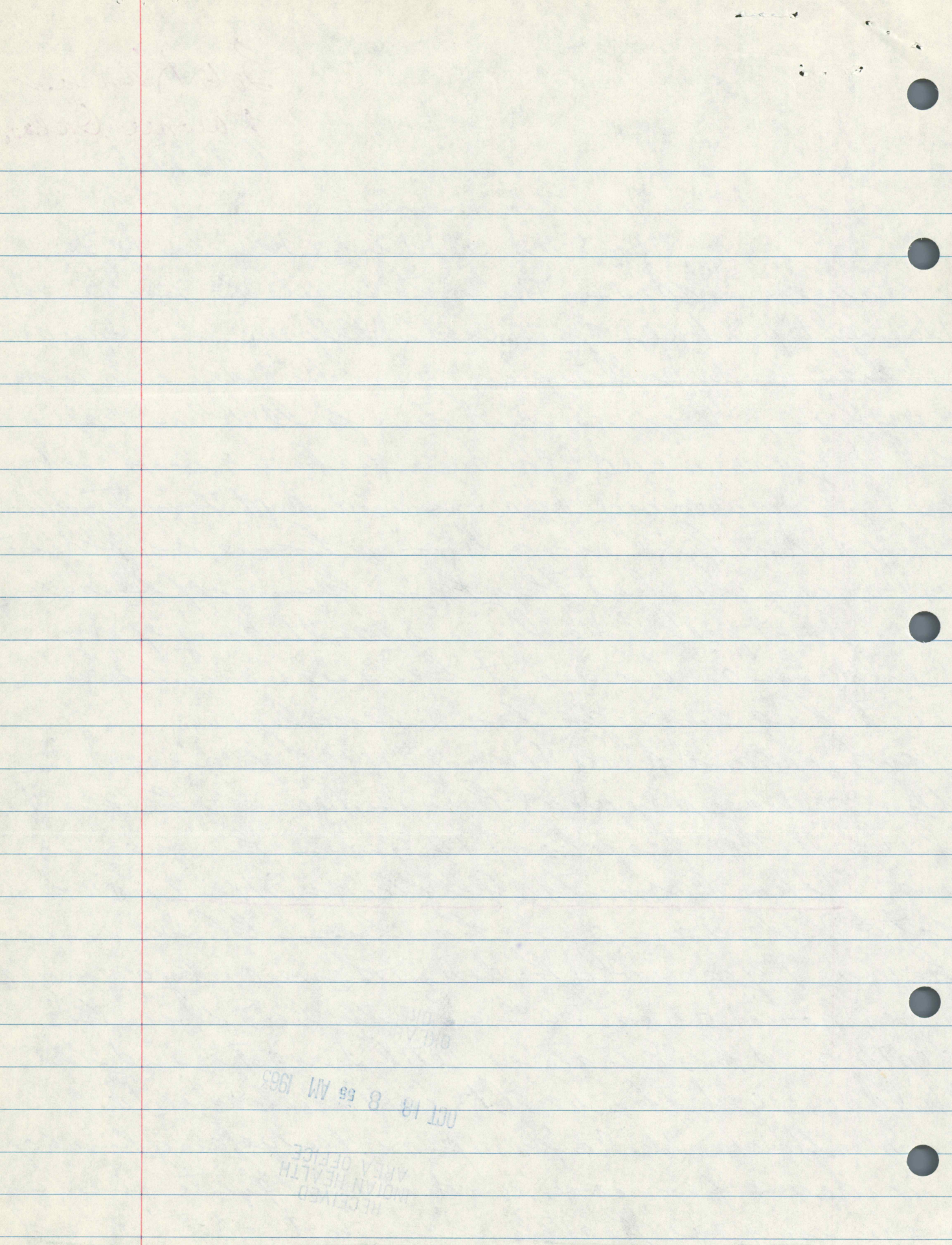
With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

306 Kansas
Pawnee Okla.
Oct 7th 1963

Dear Mr Monroney,

I was advised by a member of the Pawnee Indian Tribe to write to you as she thought perhaps you could help me. she is an old Indian lady well up in years but speaks good English. I was married to a full blood Pawnee for 42 years. i had 5 children for him 4 boys and a girl. i raised my children and kept them together they didnt live in a broken home. my oldest is 40 years old. but they have homes of there ^{own}. i dont feel like living with any of my children and i wont. because one house isnt big enough for 2 family's. My husband died Dec, 8th 1962 of Cancer in the Indian Hospital here in Pawnee. he had been sick for about 16 years. his name was John C. Smith, Allotment 3/187. he was not a Veteran, as he had been blind since he was 7 years old. he didnt have only a small income about 30.⁰⁰ a month but since his death and his Estate is settled, i get $\frac{1}{3}$ and the children get the rest. $\frac{1}{3}$ isnt much about 10.⁰⁰ a month when the Co. pumps. i dont get any kind of Widows pension, and it isnt quite fair, as i am in poor health. i am a diabetic and



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Lila Smith
306 Kansas St.,
Pawnee, Okla.

I have high blood pressure and need medical help but can't pay for my medicine or a Dr. I was getting my medicine at the Indian Hospital free and Dr's care as John's Widow. I thought I was intitled to it, as I am not able to work and would like to get back in the Hospital where I can get my medicine, because I am not able to pay for it. Dr Tuma sent me a letter, that because I was white the non Indian Widow of John Smith, I was taken off. Please Mr Morconney if you can help me will you? The Welfare has helped me in the past, but say I have to sell my mineral rights, that's hard to do, sell any thing where there are so many heirs like that. My husband left me 1/3 share in 80 acres of land, I tried to sell it but no one wants to buy in a mess like that where there are so many heirs. I was born 1903 I am 60 years old ~~now~~ and I really dependend on getting my medicine at the Indian Hospital, I was on the books at the Hospital and got my medicine free for 9 months, then all at once they took me off I need help now worse than ever also my husband didnt have a S. S. No. so all I can do is beg for help, please help me if you can. I live here with my brother. Thank you & God Bless you.

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