

WHAT OTHER HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES DOES THE ACTORS FUND OFFER?

Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative addresses the concerns women face when dealing with a serious medical condition. Through intensive case management, access to individual counseling, support groups, educational seminars, linkage to community supports and short-term financial assistance, social workers help women receive the nurturing support that they need.

Artists Health Insurance Resource Center (AHIRC) offers health insurance information nationally to the members of the visual, performing arts and entertainment communities through individual counseling, workshops, health care guides and a website, www.ahirc.org, with over 6000 resources.

The Dancers Resource and the Dancers Health Insurance Resource Center (DHIRC) focus on dancers dealing with dance injuries and provide referrals for health care and health insurance as well as emergency financial assistance, health seminars, and support groups.

Health Fairs and screenings are held throughout the year in collaboration with Better Wellness And You (BWAY), Bio-Reference Laboratories, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Project Renewal Scan Van and the Al D. Rodriguez Liver Foundation.

"The Clinic was a godsend for me for years while I was uninsured. I received the best and most empathetic care from everyone there."

The Actors Fund Offices

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The Actors Fund is a nationwide human services organization that helps all professionals in performing arts and entertainment. The Fund is a safety net, providing programs and services for those who are in need, crisis or transition.

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For the uninsured in performing
arts and entertainment



**The Actors Fund,
for everyone
in entertainment.**
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WHO PROVIDES THE MEDICAL CARE?

The Clinic, a program of The Actors Fund, has partnered with the Center for Family Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center. A full-time family physician from the Center serves as the Clinic's Medical Director. There are also volunteer primary care and specialty physicians who see patients referred by the Medical Director at the Clinic and at their private offices.

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

Primary Care

Primary care is at the heart of the Clinic's services, including ongoing management of diverse conditions, wellness check-ups and urgent sick visits. Clinic doctors also perform physical and gynecological examinations.

Specialty Care

Sometimes, after an evaluation by a primary care doctor at the Clinic, a medically appropriate referral is made to a specialist. The Clinic has a network of more than twenty specialists who participate in a program called Broadway Docs. When patients are referred to one of these specialists by the Clinic's family physician, they are seen in the doctor's own office for free or at a greatly reduced cost.



Preventive Care

The Clinic provides flu vaccinations, mammograms, prostate, breast and testicular examinations as well as the teaching of self-examination techniques through instruction and medical literature. A wide array of screenings and tests are also performed, including tuberculosis, blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol. Many of these services are also available at our health fairs.

Health Insurance Counseling

While the Clinic exists to meet the needs of the uninsured, it is the goal of The Actors Fund to have every performing artist and entertainment professional covered by affordable, quality health insurance. To this end, patients at the Clinic receive counseling regarding the need for comprehensive coverage and the specific health insurance options available to them.

"A trillion thanks for your never-ending availability and generosity in helping one of the voiceless, uninsured many. Without you, help would disappear through the cracks."

"You calmed my fears and soothed my pains. Thank you so much for all the care you've given me."

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CARE?

Documented members of the entertainment community, ages 18-64, who are uninsured or underinsured (e.g. have high-deductible insurance) are eligible to receive care at the Clinic. Other eligibility requirements, such as an industry earnings threshold, may have to be met as well. Call the Clinic for further details.

HOW DO YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

Call 212.489.1939, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5 pm. Please be prepared to briefly discuss the nature of your medical concern, as well as your qualifications under the eligibility criteria.

WHERE IS THE CLINIC LOCATED?

The Clinic is housed at The Actors Fund's Dorothy Ross Friedman Residence (formerly The Aurora), 475 West 57th Street, on the corner of 10th Avenue in Manhattan. The Clinic is 2 blocks west of Columbus Circle and is easily reached via public transportation.



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