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## **RAM Oklahoma**

Free Medical/Dental/Vision Clinic

July 13 and 14, 2019
Pioneer Cellular Event Center, SWOSU
Weatherford, OK

# RAM Coming to SWOSU to provide Free Dental, Vision and Medical Care

Remote Area Medical- RAM® -- a major non-profit provider of mobile clinics delivering free, high-quality, dental, vision, and medical care to underserved and uninsured individuals--is coming to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14.

The clinics will be held at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, 900 N. Seventh Street.

Services available at the RAM clinic include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental x-rays, eye exams, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, women's health exams, and general medical exams.

On Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. – 12 noon, Safe Kids NA-I-SHA and Oklahoma will be hosting a children's car seat checkup.

All RAM services are free and no ID is required. The clinics are operated in partnership with the Rural Health Network of Oklahoma. Dr. Randy Curry is the contact at SWOSU.

The clinic parking lot is currently scheduled to open no later than 12 a.m. midnight on Saturday, July 13. Ticket distribution typically begins at 3 a.m., and patients will be seen in chronological order according to their ticket number when clinic doors open at 6 a.m.

This process will repeat on Sunday, July 14. In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, ticketing may occur earlier than 3 a.m. RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible.

According to U.S. census data, the poverty rate in Oklahoma is 15.8%, which exceeds the national average of 12.7%. Additionally, nearly two out of every ten Oklahomans under the age of 65 lacks health insurance coverage. Because of these factors, RAM expects to see great demand from residents in western Oklahoma communities.

Last year, RAM provided nearly \$300,000 worth of free care to 566 people in Oklahoma.

"People can't reach their full potential if they are dealing with pain," said RAM CEO Jeff Eastman. "We have the ability and will to help them, so that's what we'll do."

For more information about RAM's mobile clinics or to volunteer, visit www.ramusa.org or call 865-579-1530.

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