

When I receive a referral from the Sight Foundation, I contact the patient to determine why they need to be seen and check their employment status.

- If they are working, but vision is inhibiting work performance, I gather basic information and refer the patient to rehab services.
- If the patient is unemployed and the reason they are not working is due to their vision, I also refer the patient to rehab services.

Questions I ask:

- What type of work do you do?
- How does your vision impact your ability to perform your job?
- How does your vision impact your activities of daily living such as driving, reading, watching TV, computer, hobbies?

We do have patients that can't find work due to their vision (ex: patients with dense cataracts).

- If not working, why? Are you seeking employment?
- If they are not working and are not seeking employment, they will not qualify for rehab services.
- The next step would be, I'd send an application for the WVU Cares program, a program to assist qualified individuals to obtain health care services.
- The initial appointment will be scheduled once the patient has been approved for the program.
- If denied due to failure to complete the application process or the patient exceeds our guidelines, I will notify the referring Sight Foundation member.

Criteria for the WVU Cares program criteria is based on income/family size = two times the 2011 Federal Poverty Guidelines. EXAMPLE: If a family of 4 has an income less than \$44,720, they would qualify for the WVU Cares program.

The 2011 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family	Poverty Guideline
1	\$10,890
2	\$14,710
3	\$18,530
4	\$22,360
5	\$26,170
6	\$29,990
7	\$33,810
8	\$37,630
Each additional member, add \$3,820	