

HOW TO RECEIVE SERVICE FROM MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING SERVICE



You will need to complete an application for service when sponsoring a patient to the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service. There are separate applications for sight and hearing, please use the appropriate application. The federal financial guidelines to qualify for our service are listed on the other side of this and must be strictly followed. Unless there are extenuating circumstances (there are very few exceptions such as medical bills or recent unemployment) patients whose income is greater than the guidelines cannot be considered for service.

At this time, ALL hearing applications must be accompanied by a \$225 check to cover the cost of one hearing aid. Hearing aids are limited to one per patient, per year unless two hearing aids are recommended by our audiologist. The club must decide whether to fund two hearing aids (\$450) if so prescribed. If a hearing aid is not prescribed, the club has the option of a refund, or allowing Mid-South to keep the funds as a club contribution.

The main sight clinic is located on the 2nd floor of the Hamilton Eye Institute at 930 Madison Avenue in Memphis. Additional satellite clinics and specialty clinics (prosthetics, retinas) are located throughout the four-state area. The only hearing clinic at this time is located on the Ground floor of the Tower at Methodist University Hospital, 1265 Union Avenue in Memphis. The hospital and clinics require proof of current income, such as a copy of the patient's current income tax return or a copy of the patient's last paycheck or social security check. It is also important for you to make a copy of the application for your Club's records.

The interviewing Lion should meet with the patient and complete the form *totally*, then mail it to the Mid-South office. We will notify the patient and the interviewing Lion as to whether or not the patient has been approved for service, and if approved when and where their first appointment will be. It will be up to the patient and the interviewing Lion to arrange transportation. At this time there is a somewhat lengthy waiting period to get an appointment and/or surgery. Please be sure to include *all* the information requested on the form. *It is important that you fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms will cause unnecessary delays in processing of the application.* Please mail the application and applicable attachments to the Mid-South office, not the clinic. Faxing applications will not expedite the process. The patient's first visit to Mid-South is for evaluation purposes ONLY. Please do not expect surgery on the first visit. Also, after hours emergency service is not available through Mid-South Lions.

If you have a patient who needs urgent care please call the office directly at 888-LION-042. If we determine that it is indeed an emergency case and the patient qualifies for service, we will do everything we can to get the patient seen at one of our clinics as soon as possible.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service depends on Lions Club contributions to continue providing "A Miracle A Day" to patients in your service area. Currently, Mid-South Lions suggested level of giving is at least \$25 per member, however a club contribution is not required to receive service and all contributions are welcome. Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service appreciates your assistance and your continued financial support.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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Federal Indigent Guidelines as of February 1, 2011

This is a list of hospital limits on income

BEFORE ANY DEDUCTIONS

INCOME FIGURES MUST BE POSTED ON APPLICATION FOR SERVICE
FAILURE TO POST INCOME WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF APPLICATION

INCOME BEFORE DEDUCTIONS:

NUMBER IN THE FAMILY	WEEKLY*	MONTHLY**	ANNUAL (YEARLY)***
1	\$262	\$1,134	\$13,613
2	\$354	\$1,532	\$18,388
3	\$445	\$1,930	\$23,163
4	\$537	\$2,328	\$27,938
5	\$629	\$2,726	\$32,713
6	\$721	\$3,124	\$37,488
7	\$813	\$3,522	\$42,263
8	\$905	\$3,920	\$47,038

*For family units of more than 8 members, add \$91 for each additional member

**For family units of more than 8 members, add \$398 for each additional member

***For family units of more than 8 members, add \$4,775 for each additional member

Anyone making more than this is considered OVER SCALE by the United States government guidelines, which the hospital must follow. However, the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service examines each case on an individual basis. Barring extenuating circumstances, each Lions Club should see that these guidelines are met.

The hospital requires that all sponsored patients provide proof of their current income. This may be in the form of a current income tax return or a copy of the last payroll check or Social Security checks.

If the patient is a minor, they MUST be accompanied by one of the parents or a legal guardian.

The income requirement standards on this form are subject to change as government guidelines change.