## Walk-In for Healthcare

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Republic and Curlew Clinics both accept walk-in patients. Anyone who doesn't have a scheduled appointment and wishes to been seen that day, are considered walk-in patients.

A walk in patient will be seen as soon as possible by the first available provider. There may be a wait time as scheduled patients generally are priority. If the reason for walking in is of an urgent nature, a nurse will assess the patient. This helps our providers find the best possible time to see the patient quickly between scheduled patients. The nursing assessment, with consultation with a provider, may determine that the patient's condition requires an emergency room treatment instead of walk-in treatment at the clinic. Reasons for being seen as a walk-in vary. Abdominal pain, urinary infections, ear infections, fever in children, fatigue (tiredness) in the elderly and new injuries is a few examples only. Medication refills, chronic condition follow up, and any other non-emergent reasons will most likely be scheduled for the next available appointment with a provider you choose.

Walk in hours for both clinics are 9-11 am and 2-4 pm

If you have questions or comments, please call Cindy Braley, Clinic Manager at 509-775-3153.

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