

Good morning Tim,

Once again, the True Responders Credit Card made a difference. Below is description of the need and an attached receipt for the medication purchased.

Thank you so much for making these funds available.

Mike

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Lt. Waters:

As per our discussion, here is an email explaining the use of the credit card for a patient. The patient, is a 60's female who is living in temporary housing in the Methodist Church basement on Legion. She called 911 today complaining of feeling short of breath, stating she has a history of COPD, and is out of her nebulizer. After evaluating and conversing with the subject, it was determined that she was not in any acute distress, but was very anxious about her near-term future. Being that she is out of her meds, the doctors won't prescribe enough to her to get her through a month, and even if she had the prescription, her insurance would not cover more than what they did for the month, (and she has no means to pay for it herself). I used a duoneb from the ALS box on E1 to ease her sense of distress, and a plan was made for her drive herself to an urgent care facility to get a fresh prescription, and we (the FD) would meet her at an Olympia pharmacy to pay for the meds for her using the first responder credit card. The patient was very happy with this plan, as it avoided a costly ambulance ride and ED visit, which would have left her with no means to return to the shelter. Please let me know if you need further information.

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