

# Financial assistance policy - Plain Language Summary

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Our hospital provides free or discounted emergency and other medically necessary care to patients who are uninsured or underinsured and who qualify for assistance under its Financial Assistance Policy. Assistance does not apply to elective services or items that are solely for the comfort or convenience of a patient. This document is only a summary. Please refer to the Financial Assistance Policy for complete details.

## **Eligibility Requirements and Assistance Offered Under the Financial Assistance Policy**

Patients who qualify for assistance are eligible for income/asset-based, sliding scale discounts for emergency and other medically necessary care. In general:

- Patients whose family income is equal to or less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are generally eligible for free emergency and medically necessary care.
- Patients whose family income is between 200% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are generally eligible for a sliding scale discount ranging from 50% to 75% for emergency and other medically necessary care.

A patient who qualifies for assistance under the Financial Assistance Policy will not be charged more for emergency or medically necessary care than amounts generally billed to patients having insurance covering such care.

## **How to Obtain Copies of the Financial Assistance Policy and Financial Assistance Application**

Copies of the Financial Assistance Policy, this plain language summary, and the Financial Assistance Application and associated instructions are available free of charge upon request by writing to the address above. Copies can also be found in the admitting/registration areas of the hospital. These documents may be found online at the website provided above. Translations of these documents to Spanish are available upon request from our hospital and also may be found online at website address above.

## **How to Apply for Assistance Under the Financial Assistance Policy**

To apply for financial assistance, please submit a complete Financial Assistance Application with supporting documents to the address above.

Further information about the Financial Assistance Policy and assistance with the application process are available from the hospital controller via phone number listed above or in person at the address above.