

Unity Health Financial Assistance Policy

Unity Health offers financial assistance in the form of free care or discounts applied to patient charges for patients who qualify. Unity Health’s core values of service, communication, personal excellence, interdepartmental relationships and teamwork call us to provide quality healthcare services to the people served by our organization. Patients and their families are treated with dignity, respect and compassion during the provision of services and throughout the billing and collection process. The determination of a patient’s financial responsibility will be made according to a patient’s ability to pay, as indicated by the eligibility criteria established within the procedural guidelines of the financial assistance policy. The income guidelines to determine eligibility for discounted care are:

| # Persons in the Family | Income Level | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1 | \$18,826 | \$21,180 | \$23,533 | \$25,886 |
| 2 | \$25,480 | \$28,665 | \$31,850 | \$35,035 | \$38,220 |
| 3 | \$32,134 | \$36,151 | \$40,168 | \$44,185 | \$48,201 |
| 4 | \$38,788 | \$43,637 | \$48,485 | \$53,334 | \$58,182 |
| 5 | \$45,442 | \$51,123 | \$56,803 | \$62,483 | \$68,163 |
| 6 | \$52,096 | \$58,608 | \$65,120 | \$71,632 | \$78,144 |
| 7 | \$58,750 | \$66,094 | \$73,438 | \$80,782 | \$88,125 |
| 8 | \$65,404 | \$73,580 | \$81,755 | \$89,931 | \$98,106 |
| Allowance to Give | 100% | 80% | 60% | 40% | 20% |

Resources are limited, so it is necessary to establish limits and guidelines. These limits are not designed to turn away or discourage those in need from seeking treatment. They are in place to assure that the resources Unity Health can afford to devote to its patients are focused on those who are most in need and least able to pay, rather than those who choose not to pay. Unity Health Financial assessments and the review of patients’ financial information are intended for the purpose of assessing need, as well as gaining a holistic view of the patients’ circumstances. Unity Health is committed to the following:

- Communicating with patients so they can more fully and freely participate in providing the needed information without fear of losing basic assets and income
- Assessing the patients’ capacity to pay and establish payment arrangements that do not jeopardize the patients’ health and basic living arrangements or undermine their capacity for self-sufficiency
- Upholding and honoring patients’ rights to appeal decisions and seek reconsideration, and to have a self-selected advocate to assist the patient throughout the process
- Providing options for payment arrangements without requiring that the patient select higher cost options for repayment.

Please contact a Financial Counselor at (501) 380-1022 or visit Unity-Health.org for information concerning our financial assistance policy.