

Unity Health Financial Assistance Policy Summary

Unity Health offers financial assistance in the form of free care or discounts applied to patient charges for patients who qualify (see complete Financial Assistance Policy at <https://www.unity-health.org/patients-visitors/financial-assistance/>). Unity Health’s core values of kindness, excellence, expertise and stewardship 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. Those who are eligible for financial assistance will not be charged more than the amounts generally billed for emergency and other medically necessary care. Unity Health facilities are open for medical care services to the general public, and it is our policy that no patient will be denied medical care services due to inability to pay. The determination of a patient’s ability to pay and financial responsibility for services provided will be made according to 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	20,175	22,697	25,219	27,741
2	27,258	30,666	34,073	37,480	40,888
3	38,635	38,635	42,927	47,220	51,513
4	46,603	46,603	51,782	56,960	62,138
5	54,572	54,572	60,636	66,699	72,763
6	62,541	62,541	69,490	76,439	83,388
7	70,510	70,510	78,344	86,179	94,013
8	78,479	78,479	87,199	95,919	104,638
Allowance to Give	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%

A commitment to good stewardship of resources make it necessary to establish procedures and guidelines. These procedures are not designed to turn away, impede or discourage those in need from seeking Medically Necessary treatment. They are in place to assure that the resources of Unity Health are devoted to ongoing quality medical care and the provision of financial assistance for those who are 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. All data gathered for the financial assistance application will be kept confidential. **Completion of the Unity Health Financial Assistance Application is the initial necessary step in this process.** 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.
- When circumstances allow, engaging in communication with patients regarding the anticipated costs of care and available sources of payment so that the patient may make informed decisions. However, at no time will a patient be refused Medically Necessary care or services due to inability to pay.

Please contact a Financial Counselor at (501) 380-1022 or visit Unity-Health.org for information concerning our financial assistance policy or to obtain a free copy of our financial assistance policy and application by mail.