

General and Administrative

Charity Care/Financial Assistance Plain Language Summary

Departments Affected	Author	Manual	Policy #	Approved Date	Revised Date
Finance	CFO	GA	GA-1000	June 24, 2018	

Nelson County Health System (NCHS) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization making the organization exempt from federal and state taxes. As a condition of its 501(c)(3) status, NCHS shall develop and implement a Charity Care Program (CCP) to provide discounted services to uninsured patients or underinsured eligible patients (uninsured services) who are unable to pay for some or all of their services provided directly and billed by NCHS due to genuine financial need. This is a summary of the NCHS charity care policy.

Eligibility Requirements

NCHS may use a sliding scale to determine whether patient qualifies for free or discounted care. Those with incomes at or below 100% of poverty may receive a full 100% discount. Those with incomes above 100% of poverty, but at or below 200% of poverty may be charged according to a sliding fee schedule. Patients receiving a full discount will be charged a nominal fee of \$10 per visit. However, patient will not be denied service due to inability to pay. The nominal fee is not a threshold for receiving care and thus, is not a minimum fee or co-pay. Waiving of nominal fee can be approved by CEO or CFO. Eligible patients will not be charged more than generally billed for emergency or medical care.

How to Obtain Information

Copies of the Charity Care application, the Charity Care policy, and this plain language summary can be obtained free of charge the following ways:

- Visit the Nelson County Health System Hospital business office
- Request the information be mailed out by calling 701-322-4328
- Request the information in writing by mail at PO Box 367, McVile, ND 58254
- Visit our website www.nelsoncountyhealthsystem.org

How to Apply

To apply for Charity Care submit a completed Charity Care application along with the required supporting documents to:

Nelson County Health System

Attn: Business Office

PO Box 367

McVile, ND 58254