Financial Assistance Program For Low Income Uninsured Patients Frequently Asked Questions

How do I determine whether I qualify for financial assistance for my hospital bills?

Sonoma Valley Hospital offers Charity Care Discount Payment options to our low-income, uninsured patients that meet the program eligibility requirements. Using the most recent Federal Poverty Guidelines

If your family income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, you may qualify for charity care (the hospital will write off 100% of your charges).

If your family income is between 201% and 350% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline, you may qualify for the discount payment option, leaving a nominal balance as your responsibility.

If your family income is below 350% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline and you have high medical costs (annual medical costs 10% of your family income), you may qualify for either charity care or discount payment option.

Sonoma Valley Hospital
Federal Poverty Income Guideline Grid

Size of Family	If income is below 200% of FPG	Above 201% under 350%	Above 351% under 450%
1	$24,280.00	$42,490.00	$54,630.00
2	$32,920.00	$57,610.00	$74,070.00
3	$41,560.00	$72,730.00	$93,510.00
4	$50,200.00	$87,850.00	$112,950.00
5	$58,840.00	$102,970.00	$132,390.00
6	$67,480.00	$118,090.00	$151,830.00
7	$76,120.00	$133,210.00	$171,270.00
8	$84,760.00	$148,330.00	$190,710.00
Patient Liability:			
Write off 100% of balance		75% Discount	50% Discount

The business office will begin the eligibility determination process once they receive a completed application form along with your family income verification documents and Medi-Cal/CMSP denial/approval letter. Failure to submit a completed application and supporting family income documentation may result in a denial.

How do I apply for financial assistance?

You will need to first apply for county medical assistance with Medi-Cal/CMSP. When denied/approved please provide letter from the county explaining why. Also provide family income documentation, such as most recent tax returns. If you do not file taxes please attach a letter explaining how you support you and your family. Complete the "Financial Assistance Application" form and return all items listed above to the Hospital at:

Sonoma Valley Hospital
Attn: Lisa Stone Patient Accounting
347 Andrieux Street Sonoma, Ca. 95476
Fax: 707-935-5319

How will I be notified of my application determination?

Once the eligibility review of your application is complete, you will receive a phone call from our patient accounting office informing you of your new balance.

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Financial Assistance Application

Patient Name: _____ SSN: _____
Spouse: _____ SSN: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Account#(s) _____ Phone#: _____

Family Size: _____(include self, spouse and all dependents).
List all dependents that you support on taxes

Name	Age	Relationship
_____	____	_____
_____	____	_____
_____	____	_____
_____	____	_____
_____	____	_____
_____	____	_____

If additional space is needed please use the back of page.

Employment (if self employed, give business name)

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Spouse Employer: _____ Position: _____

Current Monthly Income
Must supply proof of income (tax return, pays stubs, etc).

1) Gross wages and salary before deductions _____
2) Income from operating business (if self employed)_____
3) Other income _____
4) Interest and dividends _____
5) Social Security income _____
6) Other _____

Total Current Monthly income _____

By signing this form, I agree to the allow Sonoma Valley Hospital to check employment and credit history for the purpose of determining my eligibility for financial assistance. I understand I may be requested to provide proof of the information I am providing.

_____ _____ _____ _____
Signature of Patient or Guarantor Date Signature of Spouse Date