



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.

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	\$27,180	\$47,565	\$61,155
2	\$36,620	\$64,085	\$82,395
3	\$46,060	\$80,605	\$103,635
4	\$55,500	\$97,125	\$124,875
5	\$64,940	\$113,645	\$146,115
6	\$74,380	\$130,165	\$167,355
7	\$83,820	\$146,685	\$188,595
8	\$93,260	\$163,205	\$209,835
Patient Liability:			
	Write off 100% of balance	75% Discount	50% Discount

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.

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.

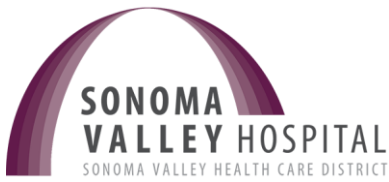
How do I apply for financial assistance?

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.



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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Employment (if self employed, give business name)

Employer: _____ Position: _____

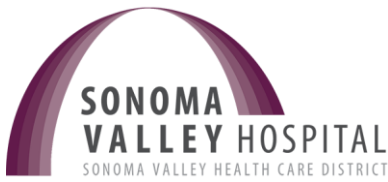
Spouse Employer: _____ Position: _____

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

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Eligibility Determination Worksheet

Patient Account Number _____

Date Application Received _____

The patient's gross family income is at or below 200% of the current federal poverty level:

Y___ N___

The patient's gross family income is over 201% and below 350% of the current federal poverty level:

Y___ N___

The patient's gross family income is over 351% and below 450% of the federal poverty level:

Y___ N___

- Decision:** () 100% write-off Charity Care
 () 75% Charity Care Discount
 () 50% Charity Care Discount

Balance on Bill: _____

Charity Care Discount: _____

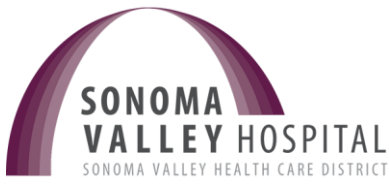
Patients responsibility \$ _____

The applicant's request for Financial Assistance has been denied for the following reasons:

() The application is incomplete () Not enough supporting documentation received

() Income cannot be verified () Over the income and poverty level

Other: _____



Approvals:

Revenue Cycle Analyst or Financial Counselor:	_____	up to \$5000,
Patient Accounting Manager or Director of Finance:	_____	\$5,001-\$20,000
SVH Chief Financial Officer:	_____	\$20,001-above