

NYS Uniform Hospital Financial Assistance Application

You may be eligible for hospital financial assistance/Charity Care to pay your medical bills if you are uninsured, if your insurance is exhausted, or if you have health insurance but have proof of paid medical expenses totaling more than 10% of your income. Completing this form will start your request for hospital financial assistance. This form is used by all hospitals in New York State

Complete all information that is applicable

Patient Name (First, Middle initial, Last)		
Date of Birth		
Address		Apartment/Unit#:
City	State	Zip code
Home Phone #:		Cell#:
Name of Parent/Guardian or Lawful representatives Name (if patient is a minor child or incapacitated adult)		
Email address:		

Family Information:

Please list below all family members in your household. Your household includes yourself, your spouse or domestic partner, and any children or other dependents. For example, this would include everyone listed on the same tax return.

Gross income means your income before taxes are deducted.

Gross income can consist of work earnings (wages, salaries, tips, earnings from self-employment), unearned income (social security, disability, and unemployment benefits), contributions (funds from family or friends), and other sources of income (temporary assistance and supplemental security income).

Full Name	Relationship	Total Gross Income

The hospital may request you submit documentation as proof of income; examples of documentation might include a pay stub, a letter from your employer if applicable, or Form 1040.

Health Insurance Status

Do you have any form of health insurance, including Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance through your employer or purchased on your own? Yes No

If you answered "No," would you like assistance in applying for any of these programs?

Yes No

Underinsured patients: people with insurance and high medical expenses. If you have insurance, please provide an estimate of the medical bills you paid in the past 12 months.

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The hospital may request you submit documentation as proof of paid medical expenses.

Patient/Responsible Party: If not the patient, list the name of the person signing the form and their authority to sign on behalf of the patient (e.g., spouse, parent, legal representative).

I understand that the information I submit may be subject to verification from external source. I certify that the information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name	Date
Patient/Relationship to Patient:	
Signature:	

Minimum Eligibility and Guidelines Application Timeline, Patient Rights, and Confidentiality

- You can apply for financial assistance at any point during the collection process.
- You do not have to make any payment to this hospital until you receive a decision on your application for financial assistance. Hospitals may not forward accounts to collection while your application is pending.
- If you are denied financial assistance, you have the right to appeal. Information on how to do so will be included in the hospital's notice you receive. You may have the right to appeal the amount of your financial assistance. The hospital will include information about how to appeal in their decision letter.
- Hospitals cannot send unpaid bills to a collection agency for at least 180 days after your first bill.
- Hospitals are prohibited from taking legal action, including filing lawsuits, to recover unpaid medical bills for patients below 400% of the federal poverty level. Poverty guidelines can be found here: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>
- Any information provided in this application will only be used by the hospital to determine your eligibility for financial assistance and will remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.
- A hospital cannot deny you medically necessary services because you have an outstanding medical bill.
- If you need assistance with this application, please contact **BronxCare Health Systems – Office of Financial Assistance/Charity Care (718) 466-7263 or (718) 901-6986**
- If you need additional assistance with this application or help appealing a decision, you can reach out to Community Health Advocates: 888-614-5400.

Eligibility

Nothing limits a hospital's ability to establish patient eligibility for payment discounts at income levels higher than those specified below and/or to provide greater payment discounts for eligible patients than those required by public health law. Additionally, immigration status shall not be an eligibility criterion for the purpose of determining financial assistance.

Income Level _____

If you qualify for financial assistance, your charges will be reduced according to your income on a sliding fee scale as follows:

Below 200% FPL _____

Waive all charges

200% - 300% FPL _____

Uninsured patients: Sliding scale up to 10% of the amount that would have been paid for the service(s) by Medicaid.
Underinsured patients: Up to a maximum of 10% of the amount that would have been paid pursuant to such a patient's insurance cost sharing.

301% - 400% FPL _____

Uninsured patients: Sliding scale up to 20% of the amount that would have been paid for the service(s) by Medicaid.
Underinsured patients: Up to a maximum of 20% of the amount that would have been paid pursuant to such patient's insurance cost sharing.

Family Size ¹	Individuals up to 400% of the federal poverty level are eligible for financial assistance.		
	2026 Federal Poverty Levels Category of Charity Care and Financial Aid		
	F	G	H
	200% = < of Federal Poverty Guidelines	200% = > and 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines	301% = > and 400% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
	\$31,920	\$47,880	\$63,840
2	\$43,280	\$64,920	\$86,550
3	\$54,640	\$81,960	\$109,280
4	\$66,000	\$99,000	\$132,000
5	\$77,360	\$116,040	\$154,720
6	\$88,720	\$133,080	\$177,440
7	\$100,080	\$150,120	\$200,160
8	\$111,440	\$167,160	\$222,880

Hospitals may choose to provide greater discounts for eligible patients and/or offer payment discounts for patients at higher income levels.

¹ For family units with more than 8 household members, add \$5,680 for each additional person.

Installment Plans

Installment plans are available to patients who are unable to pay the reduced rate all at one time. Monthly payments cannot exceed 5% of your gross monthly income and the rate of interest charged to the patient on the unpaid balance, if any, shall not exceed 2%.

Request for Proof of Household Income

The following is a list of documents you can use to prove your income. You do not have to provide all these documents. You can also provide a statement of no household income if you have no income.

You may also provide the Eligibility determination page from the NY State of Health Marketplace. If you have this document, you do not have to provide any other income information listed below to the hospital.

If Household Receives:	Amount per Month:	Applicant May Provide:
Wages	\$ _____	Please provide one Paycheck Stub, or Letter from Employer on company letterhead, signed and dated, or most recently filed income tax return.
Social Security Payment	\$ _____	Copy of award letter/certificate, or correspondence from the U.S. Social Security Administration, or annual benefit letter. To request a copy of your Social Security benefit letter, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.ssa.gov .
Unemployment Compensation	\$ _____	Copy of award letter/certificate, or monthly benefit statement from NYS Department of Labor, or Copy of Direct Payment Card with printout, or Correspondence from the NYS Department of Labor, or Printout of recipient's account information from the NYS Department of Labor's website (www.labor.state.ny.us).
Disability Payment	\$ _____	Copy of award letter/certificate, or correspondence from Social Security Administration, or copy of annual benefit letter. To request a copy of your benefit letter, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.ssa.gov .
Workers Compensation	\$ _____	Copy of Award Letter or Check stub.
Alimony/Child Support	\$ _____	Copy of court order, or 3 months of cashed checks/receipts.
Dividends/Interest	\$ _____	Quarterly dividend statements or 1 month statements.
Other	\$ _____	Letter stating the amount of non-wage earnings (if any), such as rental income, cash for odd jobs, etc.
No Income	\$ <u>0</u> _____	Signed statement of no income.