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Dignity Health East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital  
Charity Care Policy

Dignity Health East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital offers financial assistance to patients based on the same criteria as our partner, Dignity Health. The applicants for financial assistance will be screened based on financial criteria to determine which patients qualify for financial assistance. The financial screening criteria are based primarily on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines updated periodically by HHS in the Federal Register. The FPL is defined by the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the HHS under authority of subsection (2) of Section 9902 of Title 42 of the United States Code. Current FPL guidelines can be referenced at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.

Any patient whose family income is at or below 200% of the FPL is eligible to receive Charity Care equal to a 100% discount from his or her account balance for eligible services provided to the patient after payment, if any, by any third party(ies). In determining a patient's eligibility for Charity Care, Dignity Health East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital will consider the patient family income and may consider the monetary assets of the patient's family. However, for purposes of this determination, monetary assets will not include retirement or deferred compensation plans qualified under the Internal Revenue Code or nonqualified deferred compensation plans.

Financial assistance does NOT include:

- Bad debt or uncollectible charges that the organization recorded as revenue but wrote off due to a patient's failure to pay, or the cost of providing such care to such patients;
- The difference between the cost of care provided under Medicaid or other means-tested government programs or under Medicare and the revenue derived therefrom;
- Self-pay or prompt pay discounts; or
- Contractual adjustments with any third-party payers.

Applicants who have the financial capacity to purchase health insurance will be provided with information regarding insurance options and encouraged to apply. In addition, applicants who may be eligible for government-sponsored health care programs, such as Medicaid, will be required to apply for

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such programs as a means of paying their hospital bills. Submitting an application for government-sponsored health care programs will not preclude a patient's eligibility for financial assistance.

Dignity Health will notify and inform patients about the Charity Care Policy by offering a paper copy of the Policy to patients as part of the intake or discharge process.

This policy is intended to comply with Internal Revenue Code Section 501(r) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations promulgated from time to time thereunder; and United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"), Office of Inspector General ("OIG") guidance regarding financial assistance to uninsured and underinsured patients.