

Financial Assistance Policy – Plain Language Summary

PURPOSE

Unity Medical Center (UMC) recognizes that certain individuals are unable to pay entirely or in part for healthcare services provided. The purpose of this plan is to develop a unified system to assist qualified individuals who are unable to pay for their healthcare services. UMC is a not-for-profit facility approved under 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. UMC will admit, treat, and serve all persons without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, handicap, age, or source of income. The Financial Assistance plan shall be applied consistently, and no patient shall be denied Financial Assistance based on any of the aforementioned factors.

UMC's Financial Assistance plan is not an entitlement program. Financial Assistance is offered to patients who are financially unable to pay full charges. Inability to pay will be determined by UMC and will be based upon specific financial information provided by the patient and/or guarantor.

POLICY

UMC recognizes that certain individuals are unable to pay entirely, or in part, for services provided by the institution. It is part of our mission to provide health services, and support for the communities in our service area. The purpose of this policy is to assist those individuals who are unable to pay for the services provided. The determination to provide charitable services will be made, when possible, before providing services. However, if complete information on the patient's insurance or financial situation is unavailable, not valid, or if the patient's financial condition changes, the designation as Community Care may be made after billing for those services.

All patients seeking healthcare services at UMC are assured that they will be served regardless of ability to pay. No one is refused service because of lack of financial means to pay.

PROCEDURE

- A. Additional information about the Financial Assistance Policy and assistance with the application process can be obtained from our website or by calling our financial counselor.
 - a. Online at www.unitymedcenter.com under Price Transparency & Financial Assistance
 - b. You may also call our Financial Counselor at 701-352-9371
 - c. Or by stopping by Unity Medical Center, 164 West 13th Street, Grafton, ND 58237
- B. Applicants will be asked to complete a Financial Assistance Application for consideration to the program. A copy of the applicant's W-2, most recent tax return, or other proof of income will be required to be submitted with the application.

Approved By:

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