

Plain Language Summary of United Hospital District's Financial Assistance Program

As a commitment to the communities we serve, United Hospital District provides care to those in need, regardless of ability to pay.

Financial Assistance Guidelines:

- An individual may qualify for Financial Assistance, or "Community Care" as determined by a sliding fee scale, based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines, updated as published each year.
- An individual may qualify for 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% financial assistance at UHD.
- Only services rendered and billed by United Hospital District are eligible for Community Care under this policy.
- The discount will be applied to all emergency and medically necessary health care services for the 6 months prior and up to 6 months after the qualification has been approved.
- Patients/guarantors must be willing to provide timely documentation such as a completed application and all supporting documentation as required.
- Services that are not eligible for Community Care because they are not considered medically necessary include, but are not limited to, DOT physicals, sports physicals, Federal Aviation physicals, life insurance physicals, tubal ligations, vasectomies, direct access lab testing and circumcision of babies.

Required Documentation for United Hospital District Financial Assistance/Community Care:

- Completed and signed financial assistance application.
- Copies of most recent federal tax return, including all schedules.
- If employed, pay stubs for the most recent 90 days.
- If self-employed, bank statements for the most recent 90 days.
- If disabled, SSI payment stubs for the most recent 90 days.

Applying for Financial Assistance

The patient or guarantor can express financial concerns at any point during patient care. The patient or guarantor will then be encouraged to complete a Financial Assistance Application. UHD's Financial Assistance Policy, the Financial Assistance Application and a Plain Language Summary are available free of charge, in English (or in other languages that constitute the primary language of at least 5% or the 1,000-person threshold of the population in communities where UHD facilities are located).

Individuals may obtain these documents through the following means: hard copies will be provided in person; or mailed to the patient upon request. Hard copies can be accessed, downloaded, and printed from our website at www.uhd.org

Completed applications and required documentation can be mailed to:

United Hospital District
Billing Department
515 S. Moore Street
Blue Earth, MN 56013

For assistance or questions, please call the UHD Business Office at 507-526-3273, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.