



BENNETT COUNTY HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME AND RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

SERVING THE BENNETT COUNTY COMMUNITY'S HEALTHCARE NEEDS

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Plain Language Summary of Financial Assistance Policy

Overview

It is the policy of Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic to treat the broadest number of patients and residence residing within our service area while maintaining fiscal responsibility. This is a summary of Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic Financial Assistance Policy.

Availability of Financial Assistance

Patient/Resident will be considered for charity or discounted billing based on their ability to pay and the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) issued and updated annually. Charity consideration is given to emergency, inpatient, outpatient and medically necessary procedures. Financial assistance and discounts only apply to Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic bills. Any balance can be considered for charity, including balances after insurance payment. Patients must reside within our service area.

Eligibility Requirements

Financial assistance is generally determined by a sliding scale of total household income based on FPG.

When total household income is less than 400% of FPG, 100% discount from gross charges applies.

When total household income is less than 300% of FPG, 75% discount from gross charges applies.

When total household income is less than 200% of FPG, 50% discount from gross charges applies.

When total household income is less than 100% of FPG, 25% discount from gross charges applies.

No person eligible for financial assistance under the FPG will be charged more for medically necessary care than amounts generally billed to individuals who have insurance covering such care. Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic determines amounts generally billed based on all claims paid in full to Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic by Medicare and private health insurers (including payments by Medicare beneficiaries or insured individuals themselves), over a 12-month period, divided by the associated gross charges for those claims. If an individual has sufficient insurance coverage or assets available to pay for care, he/she may be deemed ineligible for financial assistance. Please refer to full policy for a complete explanation and details.

Where to Obtain Information

There are numerous ways that an individual may obtain information about the Financial Assistance Policy application process, or obtain copies of Financial Assistance Policy or receive an application form.

- Request the information by telephone by calling our Patient Account Department at 605 685 6622 ext.
- In person at Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic 201 Major Allen St. Martin SD

How to Apply

The application process involves filling out the Financial Assistance form and mailing the form along with the supporting documentation to Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic for processing. You may also apply in person by visiting the Patient Account Department at Bennett County Hospital, Nursing Home and Rural Health Clinic 102 Major Allen St. Martin SD. Financial Assistance applications are to be mailed to

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