



# **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, net worth, 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 equal to or less than 200% of the current FPG, a 100% discount from gross charges applies.
- When total household income is in excess of 200% but not more than 260% of the FPG, a partial charity care discount is available in accordance with the Equitable Fee Schedule as shown in Attachment A of the Charity Care Policy.

*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.
- 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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