

Advanced Care Hospital of White County Financial Assistance Policy

Advanced Care Hospital of White County offers financial assistance in the form of free care or discounts applied to patient charges for patients who qualify. Advanced Care Hospital of White County's core values of service, communication, personal excellence, interdepartmental relationships and teamwork call us to provide quality healthcare services to the people served by our organization. Patients and their families are treated with dignity, respect and compassion during the provision of services and throughout the billing and collection process. Those who are eligible for financial assistance will not be charged more than the amounts generally billed for emergency and other medically necessary care. The determination of a patient's financial responsibility will be made according to a patient's ability to pay, as indicated by the eligibility criteria established within the procedural guidelines of the financial assistance policy. The income guidelines to determine eligibility for discounted care are:

# Persons in the Family	Income Level				
1	\$19,204	\$21,605	\$24,006	\$26,406	\$28,807
2	\$25,861	\$29,093	\$32,326	\$35,558	\$38,791
3	\$32,517	\$36,582	\$40,646	\$44,711	\$48,775
4	\$39,173	\$44,070	\$48,966	\$53,863	\$58,760
5	\$45,829	\$51,558	\$57,287	\$63,015	\$68,744
6	\$52,486	\$59,046	\$65,607	\$72,168	\$78,728
7	\$59,142	\$66,535	\$73,927	\$81,320	\$88,713
8	\$65,798	\$74,023	\$82,248	\$90,472	\$98,697
Allowance to Give	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%

Resources are limited, so it is necessary to establish limits and guidelines. These limits are not designed to turn away or discourage those in need from seeking treatment. They are in place to assure that the resources Advanced Care Hospital of White County can afford to devote to its patients are focused on those who are most in need and least able to pay, rather than those who choose not to pay. Advanced Care Hospital of White County Financial assessments and the review of patients' financial information are intended for the purpose of assessing need, as well as gaining a holistic view of the patients' circumstances. Advanced Care Hospital of White County is committed to the following:

- Communicating with patients so they can more fully and freely participate in providing the needed information without fear of losing basic assets and income
- Assessing the patients' capacity to pay and establish payment arrangements that do not jeopardize the patients' health and basic living arrangements or undermine their capacity for self-sufficiency
- Upholding and honoring patients' rights to appeal decisions and seek reconsideration, and to have a self-selected advocate to assist the patient throughout the process
- Providing options for payment arrangements without requiring that the patient select higher cost options for repayment.

Please contact the Social Worker/Case Manager at Advanced Care Hospital of White County (501) 278-3487 for information concerning our financial assistance policy; or to obtain a free copy of our financial assistance policy and application by mail.