



St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center

Charity Care

Consistent with St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center's mission of providing care to needy persons in a manner that preserves the dignity of the individual, St. Catherine provides charity care to patients who are unable to pay for all or a portion of their bill. St. Catherine's provision of charity care is not limited to the Medical Center's primary service area. Emergency services are always provided without regard to the patient's ability to pay. For non-emergent care, no individual will be denied medically necessary hospital services based on a demonstrated inability to pay for those services. Patients who fully cooperate and complete an application for charity care on a timely basis will receive a prompt formal assessment and a written response.

All essential health care services, inpatient and outpatient, shall be available to all individuals under St. Catherine's charity care policy. Procedures inconsistent with the Ethical and Religious Directives as interpreted and applied by the Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are specifically excluded from the Medical Center's charity care policy.

Non-essential services and services that are not appropriate to a hospital setting may also be excluded from this policy.

Patients without sufficient non-exempt assets qualify for 100% charity care if their family income is at or below 300% of the Federal poverty guidelines. Patients are responsible for 20% to 80% of their bill if their family income is between 300% and 400% of the Federal poverty guidelines. Please refer to the current charity care income guidelines for sliding scale eligibility percentages. Documentation and verification of income and assets will be requested during the application process.

St. Catherine's recognizes that the need for charity care may be a sensitive and deeply personal issue for recipients. Confidentiality of information and preservation of individual dignity shall be maintained for all who seek charitable services.

If you are interested in applying for financial assistance, you can obtain an application in the admitting department, any outpatient registration area and the emergency department; or you may call for assistance.



**Charity Care Income Guidelines
2012**

Medical Center

Mercy Medical Center

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Eligibility Percentage	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%
% of Poverty Level	0% - 300%	301% - 325%	326% - 350%	351% - 375%	376% - 400%
Family Size					
1	\$ 11,170 - 33,510	\$ 33,511 - 36,303	\$ 36,304 - 39,095	\$ 39,096 - 41,888	\$ 41,889 - 44,680
2	15,130 - 45,390	45,391 - 49,173	49,174 - 52,955	52,956 - 56,738	56,739 - 60,520
3	19,090 - 57,270	57,271 - 62,043	62,044 - 66,815	66,816 - 71,588	71,589 - 76,360
4	23,050 - 69,150	69,151 - 74,913	74,914 - 80,675	80,676 - 86,438	86,439 - 92,200
5	27,010 - 81,030	81,031 - 87,783	87,784 - 94,535	94,536 - 101,288	101,289 - 108,040
6	30,970 - 92,910	92,911 - 100,653	100,654 - 108,395	108,396 - 116,138	116,139 - 123,880
7	34,930 - 104,790	104,791 - 113,523	113,524 - 122,255	122,256 - 130,988	130,989 - 139,720
8	38,890 - 116,670	116,671 - 126,393	126,394 - 136,115	136,116 - 145,838	145,839 - 155,560
9	42,850 - 128,550	128,551 - 139,263	139,264 - 149,975	149,976 - 160,688	160,689 - 171,400
10	46,810 - 140,430	140,431 - 152,133	152,134 - 163,835	163,836 - 175,538	175,539 - 187,240
11	50,770 - 152,310	152,311 - 165,003	165,004 - 177,695	177,696 - 190,388	190,389 - 203,080
12	54,730 - 164,190	164,191 - 177,873	177,874 - 191,555	191,556 - 205,238	205,239 - 218,920
For each additional person, add	3,960				

The above income levels refer to family income. Family income includes earnings, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, Social Security, supplemental security income, public assistance, veterans' payments, survivor benefits, pension or retirement income, interest, dividends, rents, royalties, income from estates, trusts, educational assistance, alimony, child support, assistance from outside the household, and other miscellaneous sources. Non-cash benefits (such as food stamps and housing subsidies) do not count. Family income is calculated before taxes and excludes capital gains or losses.

Other Asset Exemptions: Available assets shall be converted to income for comparison to poverty guidelines, on a dollar for dollar basis, but will exclude from consideration the following assets in considering whether the patient meets the charity care financial criteria: savings accounts and other liquid assets with balances of less than six months of income, assets held in a tax-deferred or comparable retirement savings account, college savings accounts, all personal property, including, but not limited to, household goods, wedding/engagement rings and medical equipment, available business equity below \$50,000, automobiles used regularly by a patient or immediate family members, and other assets at our discretion that we may believe are in the patient's best interest to exempt.



**tas de Ingresos para Atención de Caridad
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Tamaño de la Familia					
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Por cada persona adicional, agregar	3,960				

Los niveles de ingresos mencionados se refieren a ingresos familiares. Los ingresos familiares incluyen sueldos, subsidio por desempleo, compensación por accidentes de trabajo, Seguridad Social, ingresos complementarios de seguridad, asistencia pública, pagos a veteranos, beneficios para sobrevivientes, ingresos por pensiones o jubilaciones, intereses, dividendos, rentas, regalías, ingresos por sucesión, fideicomisos, asistencia educacional, alimentos, manutención de hijos, asistencia desde fuera del hogar y otras fuentes varias. Los beneficios que no son en efectivo (tales como estampillas para alimentos y subsidios de vivienda) no cuentan. Los ingresos familiares se calculan antes de impuestos y excluyen las

Otras Exenciones de Activos: Los activos disponibles se convertirán a ingresos por comparación con las pautas de pobreza, dólar por dólar, pero excluirán de la consideración los siguientes activos al determinar si el paciente reúne los criterios financieros para la atención de caridad: cuentas de ahorros y otros activos líquidos con saldos de menos de seis meses de ingresos, activos en una cuenta de ahorros con impuestos diferidos o de retiro comparable, cuenta de ahorros universitaria, todos los bienes personales, incluyendo, entre otros, enseres domésticos, anillos de bodas/de compromiso y equipos médicos, patrimonio neto de negocios disponible por debajo de \$50,000, automóviles utilizados con regularidad por un paciente o miembros cercanos de la familia, y otros activos que a nuestro criterio consideremos que deben estar exentos para beneficio del paciente.