



Eligibility Determinations

Determinations of eligibility are generally made within 30-days of receipt of the full application with all documentation. Written notification is provided to each applicant advising them of the decision. Patients that have been determined eligible for financial assistance will not be responsible for more than the amounts generally allowed by Medicare and commercial insurance payers.

Full Financial Assistance – 100%

A patient, whose household income is equal to or less than 300% of the most recent Alaska Federal Poverty Guidelines, qualifies for a Full Financial Assistance discount.

Partial Financial Assistance – 50% or 75%

A patient whose household income is greater than 300% than the Alaska Federal Poverty Guidelines may qualify for a Partial Financial Assistance based on the sliding scale discount, by evaluating assets, bank accounts and liabilities.

Coverage

Financial Assistance covers medically necessary treatment including inpatient stays, emergency room visits, surgical services, lab work and radiology services.

Cosmetic and other services that are not medically necessary are not eligible for Financial Assistance. A patient may qualify and be approved for Financial Assistance, but a service may be determined to not meet the medical necessity criteria for Financial Assistance.

The following providers and services at South Peninsula Hospital honor the financial assistance determination:

- Homer Medical Center
- Functional Medicine Clinic
- Specialty Clinic
- Radiology Services
- Acute Care
- Sleep Lab
- Lab
- Surgical Services

South Peninsula Hospital offers other discounts including self-pay discount, prompt pay discount, and cash-pay prices on advanced imaging services.

Visit sphosp.org for more details.

Financial Assistance Program



South Peninsula Hospital promotes community health and wellness by providing personalized, high-quality, locally-coordinated healthcare.



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Financial Assistance Program

Purpose

With our core values of respect and compassion, we provide care for all people who are in need. We give special consideration to those who are unable to pay, and those with limited financial means that make it extremely difficult to meet the expenses incurred by receiving health care. The purpose of this program is to establish guidelines for Financial Assistance for the patients who incur significant financial burden as a result of the amount they are expected to owe for medically necessary health services.

What is Financial Assistance?

Financial Assistance is provided to a patient with a demonstrated inability to pay.

A patient is eligible for Financial Assistance consideration based upon the household meeting certain income eligibility after other resources have been exhausted.

Consideration may also be given for households that are determined to be medically indigent, meaning their total medical bills exceed 30% of their annual gross income.

Individuals who qualify for Financial Assistance receive a percentage discount off the remaining balance owed, or are not expected to make payments for the health care services provided.

Financial Assistance is not only available for those without insurance, it may also include unpaid coinsurance, co-payments, and deductibles for insured patients who meet the Financial Assistance eligibility criteria.

How to apply

An application must be received in order to be considered for Financial Assistance. Patients will obtain a copy of the Financial Assistance application and complete it along with the required documentation attachments to the best of their ability.

The Financial Assistance Program application is available at multiple locations within the hospital, including the Front Desk, Financial Counselors, Emergency Room, Acute Care and Registration. It is also available to for download and printing online at:

www.sphosp.org/for-patients/financial-assistance

Completed applications must be submitted in one of the following methods:

- Turned into the Front Desk or Financial Counselor
- Faxed to the SPH Front Desk at (907) 235-0251
- Mailed to: Financial Counselors – SPH
4300 Bartlett Street
Homer, AK 99603

South Peninsula Hospital Financial Counselors are available to answer questions or to provide assistance in completing the application:

(907) 235-0994

“We have several ways to help in this time of need.”

Eligibility Considerations

- ◆ Financial Assistance is generally last resort to all other financial resources available to the patient, including insurance, government programs, third party liability and personal assets.
- ◆ Credit report with open lines of credit indicative of resources to pay the patient's bill may be reason for denial
- ◆ Family size. (number of individuals living in the household.)
- ◆ Employment status and future earning capacity.
- ◆ After other financial resources listed above have been exhausted or ruled out, eligibility for financial assistance will be based on the household's gross monthly income, or potential income. The amount of assistance will be determined utilizing the criteria established by the Alaska Federal Poverty Income Guidelines Sliding Scale.

