

## Sidney Regional Medical Center Charity Care Plain Language Summary

### Overview

SRMC is committed to the provision of healthcare services to all persons in need of medical attention regardless of ability to pay. It is the policy of SRMC to treat all patients/guarantors equally, fairly and consistently. Patients seeking financial assistance can apply for charity care. You may be eligible if you are not insured, underinsured, or not eligible for sufficient coverage under any government program. Charity Care is generally secondary to all other financial resources available to the patient.

### Eligible Services

Patients may be considered for charity care for medically necessary service, on accounts with current patient due balances and accounts with service dates within 6 months following the application approval date. When in question, Medically necessary services shall be determined by the examining physician.

### Eligibility Requirements

Patients must be residents of Cheyenne or Deuel County and/or a 20 mile radius of Sidney. Charity will be based on household income and size, real estate, personal property and investment equity, with credit to be given for already existing medical loans, in comparison to the current year Federal Poverty Guidelines. The HHS poverty guidelines are published each year in the Federal Register. Free care will be given to household that are at 100% of the poverty level. Discounted care will be given at up to 300% of the poverty level. **Those that are eligible shall not be charged more than the amount generally billed for emergency and medically necessary care.**

### How to Apply

Apply by completing an application over the phone, in person, online or via mailed application.

- Online: Apply at <https://www.sidneyrmc.com/patient-billing-resources/understand-pay-your-bill/charity-care-application>
- Phone: 308-254-8778
- In Person at:  
**Sidney Regional Medical Center**  
1000 Pole Creek Crossing  
Sidney NE 69162

**Applications are physically available at the SRMC's Admission and Patient Financial Services departments and can be requested via mail by sending a written request to the above address. The Patient Financial Services department can provide assistance with the application processes by being contacted at the above physical address or phone number.**

If there is knowledge, evidence or questionable information within the application process, supporting documentation will be required before eligibility is determined. Supporting documentation may be requested on charity greater than \$5000.

Supporting documentation include current year W-2's, tax return, vehicle registration, property tax evaluations, bank statements, unemployment statement and may include a Medicaid denial letter.

SRMC is not required to have this application available in additional languages due to the demographics of our population. However, if you need help we do have a language translation line available to help us in assisting you.

#### REFERENCES

Collaboration with the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, 2009

IRS Code Section 501; Medicare Fairbilling & Collections Act

Affordable Care Act Provisions, 501(r) of the Internal Revenue Code, 2015