

GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
FINANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: CHARITY CARE

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PURPOSE:

To provide a policy and procedure for determining, providing, and documenting charity care for Gove County Medical Center's (GCMC) patients. Charity Care is part of the GCMC commitment to our community.

POLICY:

This policy and procedure provides the process and determining parameters for granting charity care to our patients. Patients who are approved for Charity Care will have 100% forgiveness of uncovered care except for copays if applicable.

PROCEDURE:

Charity Care is based on 150% of the United States Federal Poverty Guidelines updated each January 1st. The poverty guidelines take the number of permanent individuals in a household and the gross income for the household and provide a maximum gross income determination for providing charity care. Charity Care can also be approved for individuals who can demonstrate that they are currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Food stamps, Medicaid, or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Charity Care, once approved, is active for six months.

Charity Care status will be documented in the electronic health record with start and stop dates in the insurance coverage section of patient demographics. Notes will include the basis for approval (i.e., provided confirmation of SSI benefits).

Charity Care recipients who are not enrolled in Medicaid will be encouraged to utilize our Patient Financial Counselor and apply.

This policy becomes effective upon approval according to the ISSUED or REVISED date. This policy will remain in effect until rescinded or revised.

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