Texas Nonprofit Hospitals *
Part II
Summary of Current Hospital Charity Care Policy and Community Benefits for Inclusion in DSHS Charity Care Manual as Required by Texas Health and Safety Code, § 311.0461**

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Facility Identification (FID): 391525 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: Brazosport Regional Health System **County:** Brazoria

Mailing Address: 100 Medical Dr., Lake Jackson, TX, 77566

Physical Address if different from above: _____

Effective Date of the current policy: 07/27/2011

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: 06/24/2014

How often do you revise your charity care policy? As Needed

Provide the following information on the office and contact person(s) processing requests for charity care.

Name of the office/department: Patient Financial Services

Mailing Address: 194 Abner Jackson, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Contact Person: Carla Riley Title: Director

Phone: (979) 415-2212 Fax: (979) 285-1730 E-Mail carla.riley@brhstx.org

Person completing this form if different from above:

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* This summary form is to be completed by each **nonprofit** hospital. Hospitals in a system must report on an individual hospital basis. Public hospitals, for-profit hospitals participating in the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital program and exempt hospitals are not required to complete this form. This form is only available in PDF format at DSHS web site: www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp under 2014 Annual Statement of Community Benefits Standard.

** The information in the manual will be made available for public use. Please report most current information on the charity care policy and community benefits provided by the hospital.

*** The list is also available on DSHS web site: www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/.

I. Charity Care Policy:

1. Include your hospital's Charity Care Mission statement in the space below.

As part of its commitment to serve the community, Brazosport Regional Health System (BRHS) provides financial assistance in the form of charity care to citizens who are indigent and satisfy certain requirements.

2. Provide the following information regarding your hospital's current charity care policy.

a. Provide definition of the term **charity care** for your hospital.

Charity care is based on financial need to self pay patients receiving emergency and other non-elective services for medical conditions that would cause patients harm without immedicate attention.

b. What percentage of the federal poverty guidelines is financial eligibility based upon? Check one.5

1. <100%
2. <133%
3. <150%
4. <200%
☑ 5. Other, specify less than 400%

c. Is eligibility based upon net or ☑ gross income? Check one.

d. Does your hospital have a charity care policy for the Medically Indigent?

☑YES NO IF yes, provide the definition of the term **Medically Indigent**.

It is the policy of BRHS to promote the health and well being of the people in the Hospital service area. BRHS will provide medically necessary health care services to members of the Hospital service area who are unable to pay for such services. The Charity Care Policy provides guidelines for Financial Assistance based on financial need to self pay patients receiving emergency and other non-elective services for medical conditions that would cause patients harm without immediate attention. Assistance may range from full write-off to discounted care.

e. Does your hospital use an Assets test to determine eligibility for charity care?

☑ YES NO If yes, please briefly summarize method.

Each patient s situation is evaluated according to relevant circumstances such as the assets or other resources available to the patient to pay for care.

f. Whose income and resources are considered for income and/or assets eligibility determination.

1. Single parent and children
2. Mother, Father and Children
3. All family members
☑ 4. All household members
5. Other, please explain _____

g. What is included in your definition of income from the list below? Check all that apply.

- ☑ 1. Wages and salaries before deductions
- ☑ 2. Self-employment income
- ☑ 3. Social security benefits
- ☑ 4. Pensions and retirement benefits
- ☑ 5. Unemployment compensation
- ☑ 6. Strike benefits from union funds
- ☑ 7. Worker's compensation
- ☑ 8. Veteran's payments
- ☑ 9. Public assistance payments
- ☑ 10. Training stipends
- ☑ 11. Alimony
- ☑ 12. Child support
- ☑ 13. Military family allotments
- ☑ 14. Income from dividends, interest, rents, royalties
- ☑ 15. Regular insurance or annuity payments
- ☑ 16. Income from estates and trusts
- ☑ 17. Support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household
- ☑ 18. Lottery winnings
- 19. Other, specify _____

3. Does application for charity care require completion of a form? ☑ YES NO

If YES,

a. **Please attach a copy of the charity care application form.**

b. How does a patient request an application form? Check all that apply.

- ☑ 1. By telephone
- ☑ 2. In person
- 3. Other, please specify _____

c. Are charity care application forms available in places other than the hospital?

☑ YES NO If, YES, please provide name and address of the place.

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d. Is the application form available in language(s) other than English?

☑ YES NO

If yes, please check

Spanish ☑ Other, please specify _____

4. When evaluating a charity care application,

a. How is the information verified by the hospital?

1. The hospital independently verifies information with third party evidence (W2, pay stubs)
2. The hospital uses patient self-declaration
3. ☑ The hospital uses independent verification and patient self-declaration

b. What documents does your hospital use/require to verify income, expenses, and assets? Check all that apply.

1. ☑ W2-form
2. ☑ Wage and earning statement
3. ☑ Pay check remittance
4. ☑ Worker's compensation
5. ☑ Unemployment compensation determination letters
6. ☑ Income tax returns
7. ☑ Statement from employer
8. ☑ Social security statement of earnings
9. ☑ Bank statements
10. ☑ Copy of checks
11. ☑ Living expenses
12. ☑ Long term notes
13. ☑ Copy of bills
14. ☑ Mortgage statements
15. ☑ Document of assets
16. ☑ Documents of sources of income
17. ☑ Telephone verification of gross income with the employer
18. ☑ Proof of participation in govt assistance programs such as Medicaid
19. ☑ Signed affidavit or attestation by patient
20. ☑ Veterans benefit statement
21. Other, please specify _____

5. When is a patient determined to be a charity care patient? Check all that apply.

☑ a. At the time of admission

☑ b. During hospital stay

☑ c. At discharge

☑ d. After discharge

e. Other, please specify _____

6. How much of the bill will your hospital cover under the charity care policy?

☑ a. 100%

☑ b. A specified amount/percentage based on the patient's financial situation

c. A minimum or maximum dollar or percentage amount established by the hospital

d. Other, please specify _____

7. Is there a charge for processing an application/request for charity care assistance?

YES ☑ NO

8. How many days does it take for your hospital to complete the eligibility determination process? varies according to informaton received

9. How long does the eligibility last before the patient will need to reapply? Check one.

☑ a. Per admission

b. Less than six months

c. One year

d. Other, specify _____

10. How does the hospital notify the patient about their eligibility for charity care? Check all that apply?

☑ a. In person

☑ b. By telephone

☑ c. By correspondence

d. Other, specify _____

11. Are all services provided by your hospital available to charity care patients?

YES ☑ NO

If NO, please list services not covered for charity care patients (e.g. transplant services, ER services, other outpatient services, physician's fees).

outpatient elective services

12. Does your hospital pay for charity care services provided at hospitals owned by others?

YES ☑ NO

II. Community Benefits Projects/Activities:

Provide information on name, brief description (3 lines), target population or purpose (3 lines) for each of the community benefits projects/activities CURRENTLY being undertaken by your hospital (example: diabetes awareness).

1. Availability of doctors: Increase physician availability, lower waiting time, increase doctors who take hospital call, increase the supply of primary care; We are recruiting primary care physicians, and physician extenders. 2. Diabetes: Large diabetic population; Section 1115 waiver project to follow and teach diabetic patients; Expanded diabetic education classes.

Additional Information:

Use this space if more space is required for comments or to elaborate on any of the information supplied on this form. Please refer to the response by question and item number.

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NOTE: This is the twelfth year the charity care and community benefits form is being used for collecting the information required under Texas Health and Safety Code, § 311.0461. If you have any suggestions or questions, please include them in the space below or contact Dwayne Collins, Center for Health Statistics, Texas Department of State Health Services at (512) 776-7261 or fax: (512) 776-7344 or E-mail: dwayne.collins@dshs.state.tx.us.

Name of Hospital: _____ City: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Suggestions/questions: