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**
2015

Facility Identification (FID): 2456231

Name of Hospital: CHRISTUS Dubuis Hospital of Beaumont
County: Jefferson

Mailing Address: 2830 Calder Ave., 4th floor, Beaumont, TX 77702

Physical Address if different from above: ____________________________________________

Effective Date of the current policy: 06/30/2009

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: ____________________________________________

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: 2707 N. Loop West, Floor 5

Contact Person: Regu Rajan
Title: Director of Financial Services
Phone: (281) 936-7351
Fax: ___________________________ E-Mail: regu.rajan@christushealth.org

Person completing this form if different from above:

Name: Ryan Majcher
Phone: (469) 282-2393

* 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 2015 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.
   
   To serve the health care needs of the community, and by virtue of it's exemption from federal and state taxes, the hospital will provide charity care to patients without financial means to pay for hospital services.

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 defined as providing care for patients based on the hospital's clinical eligibility criteria with no obligation to pay or a discounted obligation to pay for the services rendered.

   b. What percentage of the federal poverty guidelines is financial eligibility based upon? Check one.
      
      1. 100%
      2. <133%
      3. <150%
      4. <200%
      5. Other, specify ____________

   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**.
      
      A medically indigent person is a person whose medical or hospital bills after payment by third party payors exceeds a specified percentage of the person's gross annual income and is unable to pay their remaining bills.

   e. Does your hospital use an Assets test to determine eligibility for charity care? 
      
      Yes ☑ No □
      
      If yes, briefly summarize method.

   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 patient and spouse ____________

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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.
       CHRISTUS Dubuis Health System, 919 Hidden Ridge Dr. Irving, TX 75038

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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 gov’t assistance programs such as Medicaid
      ☑ 19. Signed affidavit or attestation by patient
      ☑ 20. Veterans benefit statement
      21. Other, please specify  ____________________________________________

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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? 15

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).

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).

Health fair with target population of seniors in our community with cardio pulmonary, COPD, CHF, Diabetes which includes laboratory and other screenings needed at no charge.

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 fourteenth 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: