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): 276050  (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: Metroplex Hospital  County: Bell

Mailing Address: 2201 S Clear Creek Rd, Killeen, TX 76549

Physical Address if different from above: __________________________

Effective Date of the current policy: __________________________

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: __________________________

How often do you revise your charity care policy? __________________________

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: 2201 S Clear Creek Rd, Killeen, TX 76549

Contact Person: Vickie Hill  Title: Patient Access Director

Phone: (254) 519-8152  Fax: (254) 519-8488  E-Mail Vicki.hill@ahss.org

Person completing this form if different from above:

Name: __________________________  Phone: __________________________

* 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.

Adventist Health System (AHS) is committed to excellence in providing high quality health care while serving the diverse needs of those living within our service area. AHS is dedicated to the view that emergency and other non-elective medically necessary care should be accessible to all, regardless of age, gender, geographic location, cultural background, physical mobility, or ability to pay.

2. Provide the following information regarding your hospital’s current charity care policy.
   a. Provide definition of the term **charity care** for your hospital.
      
      A. AHS provides emergency and other non-elective medically necessary care to individual patients without discrimination regardless of their ability to pay, ability to qualify for financial assistance, or the availability of third-party coverage. In the event that third-party coverage is not available, an allocation is made each year for funds to be available for financial assistance.
   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**.

   e. Does your hospital use an Assets test to determine eligibility for charity care?
      
      YES  
      NO
      If yes, please 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

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/)
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.
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 __________________________
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? 1 TO 5

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 __per admission - 3 months________________________

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).

The Community Health Needs Assessment looked at the health-related needs of our broad community as well as those of low-income, minority and underserved populations. The Assessment includes both primary and secondary data. Based on the Coalition work and specific hospital work, the Coalition and Metroplex/Rollins Brook hospitals chose three top priorities for the hospitals to address over the next three years: 1. Obesity high obesity rates in the entire community. 2. Flu vaccinations high rates of flu and deaths from flu in the service area. 3. Integration of mental and spiritual health high need for mental health services, especially among low-income and minority populations.

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: