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

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<th>Effective Date of the current policy:</th>
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<th>Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy:</th>
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<th>How often do you revise your charity care policy?</th>
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Provide the following information on the office and contact person(s) processing requests for charity care.

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<th>Contact Person:</th>
<th>Yolanda Escobar</th>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>Patient Access Rep</th>
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<th>Phone:</th>
<th>(361) 904-4045</th>
<th>Fax:</th>
<th>E-Mail</th>
<th><a href="mailto:yolanda.escobar@christushealth.org">yolanda.escobar@christushealth.org</a></th>
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Person completing this form if different from above:

| Name: | | Phone: | |
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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 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 provide services in keeping with the mission, vision and core values of CHRISTUS Spohn Health System, each facility will provide charity care services in a manner that respects the dignity of the patients and their families.

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 by the State of Texas as the un-reimbursed (or unpaid) costs of providing, funding, or otherwise financially supporting services on an inpatient or outpatient basis to a person classified by the healthcare center as financially or medically indigent. Classification may occur before, during or after services have been provided.
   b. What percentage of the federal poverty guidelines is financial eligibility based upon? Check one.
      1. 100%  4. <200%
      2. <133%  5. Other, specify _______________
      3. <150%
   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.
      Medically Indigent shall mean the patient whose medical or hospital bills after payment by third party payers exceeds 25% of the person’s annual gross income and who is financially unable to pay the remaining bill. The patient who incurs catastrophic medical expenses is classified as medically indigent when payment would require liquidation of assets critical to living or would cause undue financial hardship to the family support system.
   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

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5. Other, please explain

Patient and spouse will be considered at 100% all other household members will be considered at 20%.

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

- Wages and salaries before deductions
- Self-employment income
- Social security benefits
- Pensions and retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Strike benefits from union funds
- Worker’s compensation
- Veteran’s payments
- Public assistance payments
- Training stipends
- Alimony
- Child support
- Military family allotments
- Income from dividends, interest, rents, royalties
- Regular insurance or annuity payments
- Income from estates and trusts
- Support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household
- Lottery winnings
- 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 ________________________________

☑ mail it in

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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

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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? to
determine eligibility once the patient has submitted all the necessary documents, it will take about a
week or two depending on number of applications we have.

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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 6 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).

Awareness

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.
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: