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): 4236355 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: TYLER CONTINUECARE HOSPITAL AT MOTHER FRANCES
County: SMITH

Mailing Address: 7800 N DALLAS PKWY, STE. 200, PLANO, TX 75024
Physical Address if different from above: 800 EAST DAWSON, 4TH FLOOR, TYLER, TX 75701

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: BUSINESS OFFICE

Mailing Address: 800 EAST DAWSON, 4TH FLOOR, TYLER, TX 75701

Contact Person: ALLISON REED Title: DIRECTOR-REVENUE CYCLE

Phone: (903) 525-1638 Fax: (906) 352-1580 E-Mail allison.reed@tmfhc.org

Person completing this form if different from above:
Name: Ginger Willis Phone: (972) 943-6453

* 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:

** 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/.

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/
I. Charity Care Policy:

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

It is essential that charitable services be accurately identified, measured and maintained within limits which will both preserve the financial integrity of the institution and permit the hospital to continue its mission of providing high quality, effective health care services to the community and in particular to those persons financially unable to pay for such 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.
      Medical services rendered to those who qualify.

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

   c. Is eligibility based upon net or gross income? Check one.
      $\square$ net
      $\square$ gross

   d. Does your hospital have a charity care policy for the Medically Indigent?
      $\square$ YES
      NO
      IF yes, provide the definition of the term Medically Indigent.
      A person whose medical or hospital bills after payment by third party payers, if any, exceed a specified percentage of the patients gross annual household income, in accordance with the hospitals eligibility system and the person is financially unable to pay the remaining balance.s

   e. Does your hospital use an Assets test to determine eligibility for charity care?
      $\square$ YES  NO
      If yes, please briefly summarize method.

   f. Whose income and resources are considered for income and/or assets eligibility determination?
      $\checkmark$
      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.
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? up to 30

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).

PRIORITY 1: Access to Healthcare Specifically for the Elderly and Indigent Populations
Objective #1: Provide access to healthcare and services to vulnerable populations, such as the elderly and the indigent. PRIORITY 2: Need for Prevention, Education and Services to Address High or Increasing Mortality Rates, as well as Unhealthy Lifestyles or Behaviors in the Community
Objective #1: Provide a variety of education and awareness opportunities that aim to promote community wellness, provide support to community members, and assist patients and employees in changing unhealthy lifestyles. PRIORITY 3: Fragmented Continuum of Care
Objective #1: Participate in initiatives that improve the patient experience as he or she transitions through the continuum of care.

PRIORITY 4: Access to Mental Health Providers and Services
Objective #1: Provide employees with resources to navigate difficult life challenges that may cause stress, anxiety, depression, etc.
Objective #2: Provide patients with medication management and refer to appropriate resources upon discharge.

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: