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): 895105 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: Columbus Community Hospital
County: Colorado

Mailing Address: 110 Shult Drive - Columbus, TX 78934

Physical Address if different from above: ____________________________

Effective Date of the current policy: 05/11/2015

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: 05/01/2016

How often do you revise your charity care policy? annually

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: 110 Shult Drive - Columbus, TX 78934

Contact Person: Regina Wicke
Title: CFO

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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 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.

It is our goal to provide accessible, quality, cost-effective health care to our community. We are resolved to foster a safe and positive environmental of encouragement, growth, challenge and continuous improvement.

2. Provide the following information regarding your hospital’s current charity care policy.
   a. Provide definition of the term charity care for your hospital.

   Unreimbursed cost of providing health care services to patients, classified as financially or medically indigent.

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

   1. 100%  
   2. <133%  
   3. <150%  
   4. <200%  

   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.

   Medical debt exceeds 25% of income.

   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

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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

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?

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).

Mens PSA week was held in June. Different activities and testing are held throughout the year for children, women and men. Children's Circus of Health was held in July.

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: