

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**
2020

Facility Identification (FID): 2015140 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital **County:** Harris County

Mailing Address: 7600 Beechnut, Houston, TX 77074

Physical Address if different from above:

Effective Date of the current policy: 12/19/2017

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: 07/01/2021

How often do you revise your charity care policy? Yearly

Provide the following information on the office and contact person(s) processing requests for charity care.

Name of the office/department: Financial Assistance

Mailing Address: 909 Frostwood, Suite 3:100, Houston, Texas 77024

Contact Person: Steve Hand Title: AVP, Govt Reporting

Phone: (713) 338-4191 Fax: (713) 338-4158

Person completing this form if different from above:

Name: Amy DePedro Phone: Director

*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:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/hosp/hosp3.aspx> under 2020 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: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/hosp/default.shtm>.

I. Charity Care Policy:

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

Caring for the health of our community is at the center of everything we do. Memorial Hermann is a non-profit, award-winning health system committed to redefining health care for the diverse populations in our community. The physicians and staff practice the highest standards of evidence-based medicine to provide personalized, outcomes-driven care. We are dedicated to advancing health by providing expanded access to care with an unmatched focus on quality, safety and exceptional service.

2. Provide the following information regarding your hospital's current charity care policy.

a. Provide definition of the term **charity care** for your hospital.

See Current Financial Assistance Policy and the Weblink for updates, it can be found at <https://memorialhermann.org/patients-visitors/patient-services/financial-care/financial-assistance-program>

b. What percentage of the federal poverty guidelines is financial eligibility based upon? Check one.
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| 1. 100% | 4. <200% |
| 2. <133% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Other, specify <u>400</u> |
| 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**.

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?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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 _____ Online

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 1 Other, please specify _____ Translated into 26 other languages

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. Paycheck 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? 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 up to 6 months

10. How does the hospital notify the patient about their eligibility for charity care? Check all that apply.
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). Only emergency and medically necessary care

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).

Separately provided

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 twentieth 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.texas.gov.

Name of Hospital: _____ City: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Suggestions/questions: