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): 1492180 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: St. Mark's Medical Center **County:** Fayette

Mailing Address: One St. Mark's Place, La Grange, Texas 78945

Physical Address if different from above:

Effective Date of the current policy: 01/01/2019

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

How often do you revise your charity care policy? Every 2 years

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

Name of the office/department: Accounting

Mailing Address: One St. Mark's Place, La Grange, Texas 78945

Contact Person: Jared Brown Title: Controller

Phone: (979) 242-2114 Fax: (979) 242-2299

Person completing this form if different from above:

Name: Jared Brown Phone: Controller

*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.

We provide excellent care with a spirit of family and hometown trust.

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

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

Healthcare provided for free or at reduced prices to low income patients.

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.

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 means a patient whose medical or hospital bills from all related or unrelated providers, after payment all third parties, exceed 10% of such patient's of such patient's yearly household income, whose yearly household income greater than 200% but less than or equal to 400% of the financial poverty guideline and who is unable to pay the outstanding patient account balance. These Medically Indigent patients are eligible for a discount on outstanding patient account balances as set forth in Part 2 of the Financial Assistance Eligibility Discount guidelines.

e. Does your hospital use an Assets test to determine eligibility for charity care?
☑ YES NO If yes, please briefly summarize method. Patients must prove their income and eligibility by providing a form 2, pay stubs, tax return, Medicaid denials or approvals, unemployment compensation approvals or denials, bank statemen and proof of county residence

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 _____

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 ☑ 1 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. 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 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).

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).

Target population is residents of Fayette and Lee counties. 1. Access to primary care services and providers - The hospital is actively recruiting primary care physicians and holds annual health fairs and influenza vaccine clinics which are open to the public. 2. Access to Specialty Care Services and Providers - The hospital is actively recruiting specialists to the hospital so that patients will not have to leave the community to receive care. St. Mark's also has a relationship with St. David's in Austin where cardiology providers come to La Grange to see patients througout the month. 3. Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care Services - The hospital is working with primary care physicians to place increased emphasis on primary care prevention for mental and behavioral health. The hospital also collaborates with local schools to provide education on mental health related topics. 4. Access to Affordable Care and Reducing Health Disparities Among Specific Populations - St. Mark's provides athletic physical exams to La Grange ISD at no cost. The hospital also offers the MDSave program for self pay patients and those with high out of pocket costs. 5. Prevention, Education and Services to Address High Mortality Rates, Chronic Diseases, Preventable Conditions and Unhealthy Lifestyles - The hospital provides annual health clinics, which offers cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks and blood glucose screenings with counseling for out of range results.

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 eighteen 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: