

**SUMMARY OF KEY CHARITY CARE POLICIES FROM LARGER CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL SYSTEMS**

	<b>Eligibility for Financial Assistance</b>	<b>Wage Garnishment (if patient is communicating/ cooperating with hospital)</b>	<b>Lien on Primary Residence (if patient is communicating/ cooperating with hospital)</b>
<b>Adventist Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 200% FPL – free care</li> <li>- 201-300% FPL – 75% discount</li> <li>- 301-350% FPL – 50% discount</li> <li>- 350-400% FPL – 25% discount</li> </ul>	No	No
<b>Catholic Healthcare West</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 200% FPL – free care</li> <li>- 201-300% FPL – sliding scale, not to exceed Medicare</li> <li>- 301-500% FPL – average rate paid by largest managed care payer</li> <li>- Over 500% – case-by-case discounts based on circumstances</li> </ul>	No	No
<b>Cedars-Sinai</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 200% FPL – free care</li> <li>- 250-450% FPL – sliding scale, not to exceed Medicare</li> </ul>	No	No
<b>Daughters of Charity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 200% FPL – free care</li> <li>- 201-400% FPL – sliding scale, based on major managed care rate</li> <li>- Over 400% FPL – discounted, equal to major managed care rate</li> </ul>	No	No
<b>Providence Health System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 200% FPL – free care</li> <li>- 201-300% FPL – sliding scale, not to exceed Medicare</li> <li>- Over 300% FPL – sliding scale, not to exceed private pay rates and based on overall need</li> </ul>	No	No
<b>Scripps Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 200% FPL – free care</li> <li>- 201-300% FPL – sliding scale from 90-60% discount (cap at \$10,000)</li> <li>- Over 301% FPL – case-by-case discounts based on circumstances</li> </ul>	No	No

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<b>St. Joseph Health System</b>	- Up to 200% FPL – free care - 201-300% FPL – sliding scale, not to exceed Medicare - 301-500% FPL – average managed care payment rate - Over 500% FPL – case-by-case discounts based on circumstances	No	No
<b>Sutter Health</b>	- Up to 200% FPL – free care - 201-400% FPL – discounted to Medicare +20%, not to exceed 30% of annual household income	No	No

\* These are minimum standards established by systems. Individual hospitals may adopt more generous standards.

\*\*Communication with Patients: All hospitals communicate with patients about the existence of charity care and discount payment policies through a variety of channels and in multiple languages. Among the methods used to communicate with patients are notices on patient bills; signage in emergency departments, urgent care centers, admitting and registration departments and hospital business and financial service offices; brochures and websites. Many hospitals also provide financial counselors who are available to assist patients in applying for government-sponsored programs (eg. Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, etc.).

\*\*\*Following are the 2005 Federal Poverty Levels (FPL) for a family of four:

- 100% FPL = \$19,350
- 200% FPL = \$38,700
- 300% FPL = \$58,050
- 400% FPL = \$77,400
- 500% FPL = \$96,750