

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**

Facility Identification (FID): 939090 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: Comanche County Medical Center Company **County:** Comanche

Mailing Address: 10201 Highway 16 North; Comanche, TX 76442

Physical Address if different from above: _____

Effective Date of the current policy: 08/31/2012

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: 08/31/2013

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: CCMC Business Office

Mailing Address: 10201 Highway 16 North; Comanche, TX 76442

Contact Person: Michael Garcia Title: Revenue Cycle Director

Phone: (254) 879-4900 Fax: (254) 879-4990 E-Mail mgarcia@comanchecmc.com

Person completing this form if different from above:

Name: Kevin Storey, CEO Phone: (254) 879-4900

* 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 2012 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.

By virtue of its exemption from federal and state taxes and as part of the hospital's mission to serve the health care needs of the community, Comanche County Medical Center will provide charity care to patients without financial means to pay for hospital services. It is the policy of CCMC to distinguish charity care from bad debt expense.

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

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

Charity care will be provided to all patients who present themselves for care at Comanche County Medical Center without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin and who are classified as financially indigent or medically indigent according to the hospital's eligibility system.

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

Check one.

1. <100%

4. <200%

2. <133%

5. Other, specify

125% of federal poverty guidelines

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**.

A medically indigent patient is a person whose medical or hospital bills after payment by third party payers exceed a specified percentage of the person's annual gross income as set forth in this policy and who is unable to pay the remaining bill. To be eligible for charity care as medically indigent patient, the amount owed by the patient must exceed 40% of the patient's annual gross income and the patient must be unable to pay the remaining bill. The hospital will consider other financial assets and liabilities of the person when determining ability to pay. A determination of a patient's ability to pay the remainder of the bill will be based on whether the patient reasonably can be expected to pay the account in full over a one year period. If a determination is made that a patient has the ability to pay the remainder of the bill, such a determination does not prevent a reassessment of the patient's ability to pay at a later date.

e. Does your hospital use an Assets test to determine eligibility for charity care?

YES NO If yes, please briefly summarize method.

On our form we ask for any property or assets including their home with a countable value.

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 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 govt 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? 15

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).

Community health fairs, wellness centers in both Comanche and De Leon, TX, immunization clinics, cardiac rehabilitation and extension of rural health clinic hours for primary care at night and on Saturday morning. Target population is everyone except for cardiac rehabilitation where the target is individuals with cardiac problems.

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 twelfth 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: