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**
2016

Facility Identification (FID): 4011810 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: East Texas Medical Center Henderson County: Rusk

Mailing Address: 300 Wilson Street Henderson, TX 75652

Physical Address if different from above:

Effective Date of the current policy: 12/01/2016

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: 03/01/2017

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: Community Benefits Department

Mailing Address: PO Box 7370 Tyler, TX 75711-7370

Contact Person: Lisa Campbell Title: Director, Business Services

Phone: (903) 535-6532 Fax: (903) 593-3807 E-Mail lmcampbell@etmc.org

Person completing this form if different from above:

Name: Melissa Morton Phone: (903) 655-3610
1. Include your hospital’s Charity Care Mission statement in the space below.

By virtue of their exemption from federal and state taxes and as a part of their mission to serve the healthcare needs of their communities, each hospital within the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System (System) will provide charity care to patients who meet the criteria of this policy and do not have the financial means to pay for hospital services. Charity care will be provided to patients who present themselves for care at a System hospital without regard to age, sex, race, creed, color, or national origin and who are classified as financially indigent or medically indigent according to the terms of this policy.

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 Inpatient and outpatient medical treatment and diagnostic services for uninsured or underinsured patients who cannot afford to pay for the care according to the guidelines of this Policy. Charity Care does not include bad debt or contractual

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

Check one.

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.

A medically indigent patient is a person whose unpaid hospital charges exceed their ability to pay and whose remaining bill will result in no obligation or a discounted obligation to pay for the services rendered, based on the eligibility criteria set for

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 ________________

☑ all adults legally and financially responsible
g. What is included in your definition of income from the list below? Check all that apply.

- Wages and salaries before deductions
- Self-employment income
- Social security benefits
- Pensions and retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Strike benefits from union funds
- Worker’s compensation
- Veteran’s payments
- Public assistance payments
- Training stipends
- Alimony
- Child support
- Military family allotments
- Income from dividends, interest, rents, royalties
- Regular insurance or annuity payments
- Income from estates and trusts
- Support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household
- Lottery winnings
- Other, specify __________ any not listed above __________

3. Does application for charity care require completion of a form? ☑ YES ☐ NO

If YES,

- Please attach a copy of the charity care application form.

b. How does a patient request an application form? Check all that apply.

- By telephone
- In person
- Other, please specify __________ mail, ETMC website __________

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?

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http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/
☐ 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? 30 days from resolution of all third party insurance and/or funding eligibility efforts

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?
    ☑ a. In person
    ☑ b. By telephone
    ☑ c. By correspondence
        eliminate billing for patients receiving
        100% charity assistance. For patients
        receiving partial assistance, a billing
        statement reflecting the balance after charity
        is sent to the customer
    ☑ 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).
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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).

Emergency care, Primary care, OB/Gyn care and Surgical services are provided to all the citizens of Rusk County and the surrounding area to maintain and improve health

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: