

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): 4770430 (Enter 7-digit FID# from attached hospital listing)***

Name of Hospital: Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Brenham **County:** Washington

Mailing Address: 301 N. Washington Avenue, Dallas, TX 75246

Physical Address if different from above: 700 Medical Parkway, Brenham, TX 77833

Effective Date of the current policy: 02/01/2021

Date of Scheduled Revision of this policy: 02/01/2022

How often do you revise your charity care policy? Yearly at a minimum

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

Name of the office/department: Access Services

Mailing Address: 700 Medical Parkway, Brenham, TX 77833

Contact Person: Lori Norton Title: Tax Director

Phone: (214) 820-8556 Fax: (214) 820-4175

Person completing this form if different from above:

Name: Cecilia Cerda 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.

Founded as a Christian ministry of healing, Baylor Scott & White Health (BSWH) promotes the well-being of all individuals, families, and communities. As part of its mission and commitment to the community, BSWH provides financial assistance to patients who qualify for assistance pursuant to 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.

Financial assistance provided to individuals who are financially indigent or medically indigent and satisfy certain requirements.

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% 5. Other, specify _____

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**.

"Medically Indigent" means a patient whose medical or hospital bills from all BSWH related providers, after payment by a third parties, are equal to or greater than 5% of their Yearly Household Income and whose Yearly Household Income is greater than 200% but less than or equal to 500% of the FPG and who is unable to pay the outstanding patient account balance.

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 See Additional Information Section

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 Any other sources available. See additional information section.

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 Written request by mail or online at www.bswhealth.com/financialassistance

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.

Baylor Scott & White Health Attn: Financial Assistance Department, 301 N. Washington Avenue, Dallas, TX 75246

d. Is the application form available in language(s) other than English?

YES NO

If yes, please check

Spanish 1 Other, please specify Russian, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Korean, Arabic & French

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 See Additional Information Section

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 Prior to admission

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? Varies

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.
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- 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). Financial assistance only applies to all emergency and other 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).

Please see attached PDF Document

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. 2f. If the patient is an adult, "Yearly Household Income" means the sum of the total yearly gross income or estimated yearly income of the patient and the patient's spouse. If the patient is a minor, "Yearly Household Income" means the sum of the total yearly gross income or estimated yearly income of the patient, the patient's mother and the patient's father. 2g. Support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household is only included if the patient is a dependent of the absent family member or someone not living in the household. 4b. Hospital may review credit reports and other publicly available information to determine, consistent with applicable legal requirements, estimated household size and income amounts for the basis of determining financial assistance eligibility when a patient does not provide an Assistance Application or supporting documentation. 6. Financially indigent patients receive a 100% discount. Medically indigent patients owe the lesser of the patient's account balance or 10% of the patient's gross charges. However, in no case will the individual will be charged more for emergency or other medically necessary care than the amounts generally billed to individuals who have insurance covering such care (AGB). In determining AGB, the hospital has elected to use the Look-back Method in which the AGB is based on Medicare fee-for-service, as outlined in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(r), to establish the maximum amount that will be charged to a patient qualifying for financial assistance.

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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: