



SLIDING FEE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

At Friend Family Health Center we are dedicated to providing quality health care services, education, and guidance in promoting health and wellness to all patients regardless of financial barriers.

Purpose/Policy Statement

The purpose for the Sliding Fee Discount Program is to assure access to health care services by uninsured families and individuals at a cost based on eligible persons' ability to pay.

The Sliding Fee Discount Program is provided to eligible persons based on the patient's ability to pay. Ability to pay is determined by the household size and annual income relative to a discount schedule based on federal poverty income guidelines.

Eligibility Criteria

The Sliding Fee Discount Program applies to all uninsured patients who qualify. The program provide a full discount to individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 100% of the Federal poverty guidelines (only nominal fees may be charged) and for those with incomes between 100% and 200% poverty, fees will be charged in accordance with a sliding fee discount schedule based on family size and income. Income means your paycheck before deductions, pension, retirement, or social security income, cash child support, alimony, workers compensation payments, etc. from all sources in the family.

The following items are required to determine financial eligibility for the Sliding Fee Discount Program:

- Two or three most recent pay stubs (depending on the circumstances)
- Social Security determination letters
- Prior year's tax returns
- A "Statement of Sustainability" that indicates how persons with no income are meeting their day to day basic living needs.
- Letter from employer on letterhead that states salary or wages

There is a nominal fee of \$25.00 for all visits with a Physician or Advanced Nurse Practitioner. This fee is payable on the date of service.