

Sumter Pediatrics Guidelines for determining eligibility for sliding scale

Eligibility is based on family size and household income according to the most recent US Department of Health & Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines 2012.

This service will be available only if there is no medical insurance.

Sliding scale services are available for all individuals and families with an annual income below 200 percent of the poverty guidelines.

The sliding scale fee will not be waived. If patient is unable to pay, let the office know first.

The sliding scale fee amount due for an office visit only the charge can and will be more depending on other services provided, and or visit type/code. Patients will be responsible for any additional charges.

Other types of services/ additional charges include: Every effort will be made to keep cost as low as possible.

Patient will be informed of the additional work up needed to diagnose his sickness.

- Immunizations
- Urinalysis
- EKG
- Blood work/ Rapid Strep/ Flu. Any kind of workup
- Nebulizer treatments

Guidelines for sliding scale fee:

- Income of parents and children under 18
- Income will be verified semi-annually
- Anyone requesting a discount will be verified, and will be applied in a non-discriminatory manner
- Only the office manager or the Dr. may approve discounted fees
- At each visit the staff will ask if anything has changed
- Change in income will cause re-evaluation
- Persons with approved discounts will have an alert in their chart
- No patient will be denied services due to inability to pay
- Every patient's privacy is protected
- Patients at or below poverty level are charged a nominal fee or no charge at all
- This does not apply to copayments or deductibles, Medicaid share of cost, suboxone program, or the weight loss program.
- There will be no retroactive effective date

A separate appointment for determining eligibility is required. Application process may take up to 3 business days to process.

Must have the following information with you at time of appointment:

- Proof of identification (such as driver license, state ID card, passport, or bank card with photograph.)
- Proof of current address (such as drivers license, state ID card, pay check stub, phone bill, electric bill, or lease)
- Most recent federal tax form (1040 form)
- The last 2 current paystubs (If no pay stub you may bring the following: unemployment stubs, or letter from the company on company letter head, or a notarized letter from current employer)
- Awards or benefit letter for food stamps, Social Security Income(disability), workers comp, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Free or Reduced lunch program, or any other public assistance.