

Financial Assistance Summary

Bradford Regional Medical Center recognizes that there are times when patients in need of care will have difficulty paying for the services provided. Bradford Regional Medical Center's financial assistance program provides discounts to qualifying individuals based on income and family size. In addition, we can help you apply for free or low-cost insurance if you qualify.

Please contact our Facilitated Enroller at 814-362-8588 for free confidential assistance.

Who qualifies for a discount?

- Financial assistance is available for patients with limited incomes.
- Anyone who needs emergency services can receive care and get a discount if they meet the income limits.
- Everyone who lives in McKean County or the surrounding area can get a discount on non-emergency medically necessary services at Bradford Regional Medical Center if they meet the income limits. You cannot be denied medically necessary care because of your financial status.
- Financial assistance is contingent upon a patient's cooperation in following Bradford Regional Medical Center's application requirements as listed below.

What are the income limits?

The amount of the discount varies based on your income and the size of your family.

What if do not meet the income limits:

If you cannot pay your bill all at once, Bradford Regional Medical Center offers a payment plan to those patients that do not meet the above income limits. The amount you pay depends on your income.

Can someone explain the discount? Can someone help me apply?

- Yes, free confidential help is available. Call our Facilitated Enroller at **814-362-8588**.
- A hospital representative can advise you how to apply for free or low-cost insurance such as Medicaid.

If the Facilitated Enroller finds that you do not qualify for low-cost insurance, they will help you apply for a discount. You will receive help completing forms and they will tell you what documents you need to provide.

What do I need to apply for a discount?

- Bradford Regional Medical Center will require a completed Financial Assistance application and proof of income such as a tax return or pay stubs. We may also request a Medicaid denial letter but not required.
- If you cannot provide any of these, you may still be able to apply for financial assistance.
- Financial assistance applications may be obtained from our Facilitated Enroller, cashier and/or Registration department. Forms are also available on our website at www.brmc.com. You may also request an application and copy of our policy by submitting a written request to:

Bradford Regional Medical Center
Attn: Facilitated Enroller
116 Interstate Parkway
Bradford, PA 16701

What services are covered?

All medically necessary services provided by Bradford Regional Medical Center are covered by the discount. This includes outpatient services, emergency care, and inpatient admissions.

How much do I have to pay?

Financial Assistance eligible individuals will not be charged more than the “amounts generally billed” to insured individuals for emergency or other medically necessary care. This is referred to the AGB or the “self-pay” rate.

Depending on your income, you could qualify for up to 100% off the self-pay rate. Our Facilitated Enroller will provide you with details about your specific discount(s) once your application is processed.

How do I get the discount?

- Fill out the application form. Once we have proof of your income, we can process your application for a discount according to your income level.
- You can apply for a discount before you have an appointment when you come to the hospital to get care or when the bill comes in the mail.
- Send a completed form to Bradford Regional Medical Center or leave it with the cashier located in the main registration area.

How do I know if I was approved for the discount?

You will receive a letter from Bradford Regional Medical Center (usually within 30 days after completion and submission of documentation) telling you if you have been approved and the level of discount received

After applying the self-pay discount and/or after being approved and assigned to the appropriate financial class, you will be billed for any balance due. If the account remains unpaid after appropriate billing attempts, the account may be sent to a collection agency.

What if I receive a bill while I am waiting to hear if I can get a discount?

You cannot be required to pay a hospital bill while your application for a discount is being considered. If your application is turned down, the hospital must tell you in writing the reason why it was turned down and provide you with a way to appeal this decision to a higher level within the hospital.

What if I have a problem with the hospital that I cannot resolve?

You may call the PA State Department of Health, Quality Assurance Complaint Hotline at 1-800-254-5164.

No one will be denied medically necessary services based on the inability to pay.
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