



TITLE: LDF 7300 Discount for the Uninsured Patient

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network (JPS) to provide a community based health network with quality services designed to meet diverse health care needs and improve the health status of families and individuals in the communities we serve. JPS provides emergent care for all individuals, without consideration of their ability to pay, as the facilities and resources of JPS may permit and in accordance with federal and state law.

JPS will offer charity or uninsured discounts to eligible self-pay patients who may not have the financial capacity to pay for health care services and who otherwise may not be able to receive these services. In accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), no uninsured patient will be charged a rate more than the amount generally billed to insured patients for emergency or medically necessary care.

INTENT AND SCOPE:

JPS has established this policy for the provision of financial assistance, including charity care and uninsured discounts for eligible patients pursuant to state enabling statutes, and to authorize the development of procedures for financial inquiry of the patient or patient relatives. This policy affects the Medical Staff, all employees, and patients who are served through JPS. Exception to this policy is permitted if made in writing by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Operating Officer (COO), or the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the organization. All exceptions must conform to applicable state and federal statutes and not infringe upon the powers of the JPS Board of Managers (Board) regarding Board policies. The Board may make exceptions to Board policies by a majority or super majority vote, as required by policy.

REFERENCES:

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – 501 (r)

NOTES AND ATTACHMENTS:

[LDF 7301 Discount for the Uninsured Patient Procedure](#)

[LDF 5000 JPS Connection Program Policy](#)