

"To make a difference in health care"

### **Plain-Language Summary of Financial Assistance Policy**

Phillips County Hospital will provide emergency and medically necessary healthcare services for free or at discounted rates to certain patients who are uninsured or have limited insurance available. Generally speaking, patients eligible for discounted charges must have family incomes under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, while patients eligible for free care must have family incomes under 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; in both cases, patients must not have available assets above established thresholds. Financial assistance may also be available in other limited circumstances, depending on the size of the patient's medical bills and whether the patient meets certain other criteria for eligibility.

Patients seeking financial assistance may apply by completing a Financial Assistance Application. Copies of the Financial Assistance Application, as well as Phillips County Hospital's Financial Assistance Policy and Billing and Collection Policy, are available at <http://www.pchospital.us>. Patients may also request free copies of the Application and these policies by requesting them from the Business Office, mailing Phillips County Hospital at Box 640, Malta, MT 59538 or by calling 406-654-1100.

Completed Financial Assistance Applications and required supporting materials may be submitted by:

- Hand-delivering to Phillips County Hospital Director of Revenue Services and/or any Business Office Personnel
- Mailing to Phillips County Hospital, Attn: Susan Bibbs, Director of Revenue Services; PO Box 640, Malta, MT 59538

Persons seeking more information or needing assistance in completing the Financial Assistance Application may contact one of the Hospital's Business Office staff at 406-654-1100.

A patient qualifying for financial assistance under Phillips County Hospital's Financial Assistance Policy will not be charged more than the amounts generally billed by the Hospital for the same services to individuals who have insurance covering such care