



# SLIDING FEE DISCOUNT PROGRAM INFORMATION

## WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR THE PROGRAM?

Neighborhood Health Center (NHC) offers discounted services to patients living at or below 200% of the most current Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). Eligibility to participate in the program is based only on the patient's household income and family size, as it relates to FPGs. All patients are encouraged to apply, including patients with insurance. Discounts apply to all NHC services provided directly at NHC clinics and those offered in referral. Discounts vary depending on the patient's assigned discount pay class (see Discount Classes A-D in the Monthly Income table below) and the service being used by the patient at the time of appointment (i.e. medical, dental, or behavioral health). Please take a moment to review this information sheet prior to filling out your application. If you have questions, please ask an NHC staff member for assistance.

## WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY FAMILY SIZE?



NHC defines a family as a group of two or more people living together who are financially supporting one another.

Do NOT include:

- Family members who do not live with you
- Family members who are financially independent

*Still not sure who to include? Ask us!*

## WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF INCOME?

For each member contributing income to the family, attach at least one of the following documents to your application:

- ✓ Two (2) weeks of most recent pay stubs
- ✓ Check stubs from Unemployment Insurance
- ✓ Previous year W-2
- ✓ Previous year completed tax return
- ✓ Government-issued documentation for other non-wage income such as Social Security, Worker's Comp, Cash Assistance, Child Support, Alimony, Veteran's Benefits, Retirement, or Pension
- ✓ Previous three (3) months of bank statements
- ✓ Letter from employer
- ✓ If self-employed: prior year tax return or most recent three (3) months of bank statements

## WHAT DISCOUNT WILL I RECEIVE?

Below is a table displaying the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). Only patients reporting a family income at or below 200% of FPG will qualify. Columns A through D are eligible for discounted services. Column E (above 200% FPG) must pay in full for charges and will not receive a discount. If you fall within Column E, you are not eligible to participate in the program.

		MONTHLY INCOME									
Discount Class		A		B		C		D		E	
FPG		0-100%		>100-133%		>133-166%		>166-200%		>200%	
Family Size	1	\$0	\$1,073	\$1,074	\$1,428	\$1,429	\$1,782	\$1,783	\$2,147	\$2,148	& Up
	2	\$0	\$1,452	\$1,453	\$1,931	\$1,932	\$2,410	\$2,411	\$2,903	\$2,904	& Up
	3	\$0	\$1,830	\$1,831	\$2,434	\$2,435	\$3,038	\$3,039	\$3,660	\$3,661	& Up
	4	\$0	\$2,208	\$2,209	\$2,937	\$2,938	\$3,666	\$3,667	\$4,417	\$4,418	& Up
	5	\$0	\$2,587	\$2,588	\$3,440	\$3,441	\$4,294	\$4,295	\$5,173	\$5,174	& Up
	6	\$0	\$2,965	\$2,966	\$3,943	\$3,944	\$4,922	\$4,923	\$5,930	\$5,931	& Up
	7	\$0	\$3,343	\$3,344	\$4,447	\$4,448	\$5,550	\$5,551	\$6,687	\$6,688	& Up
	8	\$0	\$3,722	\$3,723	\$4,950	\$4,951	\$6,178	\$6,179	\$7,443	\$7,444	& Up
	9	\$0	\$4,100	\$4,101	\$5,453	\$5,454	\$6,806	\$6,807	\$8,200	\$8,201	& Up
	10	\$0	\$4,478	\$4,479	\$5,956	\$5,957	\$7,434	\$7,435	\$8,957	\$8,958	& Up

*FPG: Federal Poverty Guidelines, published by HHS, effective 1/13/2021*  
*For families/households with more than 10 persons, add \$378 for each additional person*

### EXAMPLE 1

Susan is a single mother of two young children, Susan also cares for her mother, who lives with her and her children. Susan's family size is 4. Susan is the only person in her family earning income. Susan earns \$2,600 per month in income. Susan belongs to Discount Class B.

### EXAMPLE 2

Jose is married to his wife Miranda. They have three young children who live with them. Jose earns \$2,300 per month at his job. Jose's wife earns \$2,700 per month. Together, the couple earns \$5,000 per month. Jose's family size is 5. Jose belongs to Discount Class D.

## WHAT AM I RESPONSIBLE TO PAY?

Once you figure out what Discount Class you belong to (A-D), discounts vary depending on the service you are using at the time of your service. Services are broken into groups and include medical, dental, and behavioral health.

Discounts apply to clinical services. Note that dental and pharmacy supplies and equipment have separate discounts because they are not clinical services.

	A	B	C	D	E
Medical & Clinical Pharmacy Services	\$25	\$35	\$40	\$45	100% of Full Charges
Dental Services*	\$25	50% of Full Charges	60% of Full Charges	70% of Full Charges	100% of Full Charges
Dental Supplies & Equipment*	50% of Full Charges	50% of Full Charges	60% of Full Charges	70% of Full Charges	100% of Full Charges
Behavioral Health & Psychiatry Services	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	100% of Full Charges
Pharmacy Dispensed Prescription Fees**	\$5 Dispensing Fee + Discounted Medication Cost	\$8 Dispensing Fee + Discounted Medication Cost	\$10 Dispensing Fee + Discounted Medication Cost	\$12 Dispensing Fee + Discounted Medication Cost	100% of Full Charges

\*\$25 payment expected at the time of service.

\*\*Ask your Pharmacist for a quote on your medications. Call 503-941-3160 for more information.

### EXAMPLE 1

I belong to Discount Class B. I came in today for a medical visit with my Doctor. I am responsible to pay \$35 for my visit. The remainder of my charges will be adjusted by NHC so that \$35 is my only responsibility.

### EXAMPLE 2

I belong to Discount Class C. I came in today for a dental exam and cleaning. The total of these charges was \$300. I am responsible to pay 60% of these charges. The remainder of my charges will be adjusted by NHC so that \$180 is my only responsibility (\$180 = 60% of \$300 charges).

### EXAMPLE 3

I belong to Discount Class A. I came in today for an appointment to discuss my diabetes with a behaviorist. I am responsible to pay \$5 for my visit. The remainder of my charges will be adjusted by NHC so that \$5 is my only responsibility.

### EXAMPLE 4

I belong to Discount Class D. I am diabetic and NHC is going to deliver my insulin medication to my home. My pharmacist told me I will pay a total of \$16 for my insulin. This includes the cost for the medication plus the dispensing fee.



## I NEED MORE INFORMATION

Not sure who to include in your family size? Not sure what to bring to prove your income? Not sure what discount class you will qualify for? Not sure what you will be charged for a specific service?

**Ask the front desk staff at your NHC clinic to answer any additional questions you have.**