



## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY SUMMARY**

It is the policy of West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District (the "Hospital") to provide financial assistance to qualifying patients with their outstanding bills for medically necessary and emergency care provided by the Hospital. Care provided by contracted or independent physicians is not subject to financial assistance by the Hospital.

### **PATIENTS THAT QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

To receive financial assistance under the Financial Assistance Policy (the "Policy"), you must qualify as *financially indigent, medically indigent, or have gross household income less than or equal to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level ("FPL")*.

#### ***Financially Indigent***

To be "financially indigent," you must be uninsured or underinsured and have a household income equal to or less than 200% of FPL. You will qualify for a 100% discount, less any deposits paid.

#### ***Medically Indigent***

To be "medically indigent," you must have unpaid medical bills from any source within the past 6 months that exceed 20 percent of your annual household income. If you qualify as "medically indigent," you will be responsible for your Hospital bills up to this amount, and the remaining amount will be considered financial assistance.

#### ***Gross Household Income >200% but <=400% of FPL***

If you are uninsured or underinsured and have a household income greater than 200% of FPL but less than or equal to 400% of FPL, you will be considered for a sliding-scale discount.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Patients can apply for financial assistance by completing and submitting a financial assistance application in person at the Hospital Attn: Business Office at 301 Memorial Drive, Donaldsonville, LA 70346.

A copy of the Policy and a financial assistance application may be obtained at no charge by going to the Hospital's website, <https://www.westaph.org/> or by visiting the Hospital's Admissions Desk.

Translated copies of this summary, the Policy and a financial assistance application are available upon request from Patient Financial Services in the following languages: Spanish.