Hospital Bill Help

Maine Hospitals must provide Free Care if you qualify.

Who can get Free Care?

You have the right to get "medically necessary" care at any hospital in Maine, even if you can't pay for it. Depending on your household income, you can get care free. **Some hospitals offer sliding scale discounts too. Look at the chart on the back page to see who can get Free Care or Sliding-Scale care, and where to get it.**

What services can I get?

Hospitals **must** provide Free Care to eligible people for **"medically necessary"** hospital services. Most Sliding-Scale Care programs also cover "medically necessary services." This may not include things like lab work. You can call a hospital to find out what services are covered.

How do I apply?

Call the hospital and ask for the billing or financial services department. Ask how Free and Sliding-Scale Care works. They may help you fill out the application. Some hospitals ask you to apply for MaineCare first.

What if they deny my application?

Call our HelpLine at 1-800-965-7476 for other ideas to help with health care costs. We can also tell you how you can appeal the hospital's denial if you think you should qualify.

How do they count my income?

The hospital may ask you for pay stubs, tax returns or other documents to prove your income. You may qualify if your income is under the limit for the past 12 months **OR** the past 3 months. If you don't qualify one way, you may qualify the other way. For example, looking at the last 3 months may help people with higher yearly income if their income dropped in the 3 months before the application.

I think our income is too high...

Even if you think your income is too high for Free or Sliding-Scale Care, ask your hospital about payment plans or other discount programs. You can also call our HelpLine at 1-800-965-7476.

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Consumers for Affordable Health Care

Consumer Assistance HelpLine:
1-800-965-7476
www.mainecahc.org

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Augusta, ME
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Monthly Income Limits

	Free Care		Sliding Scale Care	
	Monthly max for a family of 1	Add this amount for each additional family member	Monthly max for a family of 1	Add this amount for each additional family member
Acadia Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Aroostook Medical Center	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Blue Hill Memorial Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Bridgton Hospital	$2,010	$698	None	
Calais Regional Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,261	$785
Cary Medical	$1,910	$663	$2,111	$733
Central Maine Medical Center	$2,010	$698	None	
Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Down East Community Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,010	$698
Eastern Maine Medical Center	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Franklin Memorial Hospital	$1,759	$611	$2,513	$871
Houlton Regional Hospital	$1,508	$523	None	
Inland Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Lincoln Health	$1,759	$611	None	
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Maine Medical Center	$1,759	$611	None	
MaineGeneral Medical Center	$1,508	$523	$2,261	$785
Mayo Regional Hospital	$1,759	$611	$2,261	$785
Mercy Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Mid Coast Hospital	$2,010	$698	$3,015	$1,047
Millinocket Regional Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,010	$698
Mount Desert Island Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Northern Maine Medical Center	$1,508	$523	$2,010	$698
Penobscot Bay Medical Center	$1,759	$611	None	
Penobscot Valley Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,261	$785
Redington-Fairview General Hospital	$2,412	$523	$3,457	$523
Rumford Hospital	$2,010	$698	None	
Sebasticook Valley Hospital	$1,508	$523	$2,513	$871
Southern Maine Health Care	$1,759	$611	None	
Spring Harbor Hospital	$1,759	$611	None	
St. Joseph Hospital	$2,010	$698	None	
St. Mary's Regional Medical Center	$2,010	$698	None	
Stephens Memorial Hospital	$1,759	$611	None	
Waldo County General Hospital	$1,759	$611	None	
York Hospital	$2,010	$698	Sliding-scale care programs available. Call York Hospital for more information.	