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**POLICY:**

Ferry County Public Hospital District No 1 is committed to ensuring our patients get the hospital care they need regardless of ability to pay for that care. Providing health care to those who cannot afford to pay is part of our mission and state law requires hospitals to provide free and discounted care to eligible patients. You may qualify for free or discounted care based on family size and income, even if you have health insurance.

If you think you may have trouble paying for your health care, please talk with us. When possible, we encourage you to ask for financial help before receiving medical treatment.

**What is Covered?** For emergency and other appropriate hospital and clinic based services at Ferry County Public Hospital District we provide free care and financial assistance/charity care to eligible patients on sliding fee scale basis, based on annual income thresholds by sliding fee discount pay class and percent poverty ranging from 0% to 100%.

**How to Apply:** Any patient may apply to receive financial assistance/charity care by submitting an application providing supporting documentation. If you have questions, need help, or would like to receive an application form or more information, please contact us:

- When you are checking in or checking out of the hospital or clinic
- By telephone: 509.775.3333 or 866.597.8936
- On our website: fcphd.org
- In person: 36 Klondike Rd, Republic, WA
- To obtain documents via mail free of charge: Contact Patient Access Coordinator 509.775.3333, located at the hospital front lobby area at 36 Klondike Rd, Republic WA 99166.

**If English is Not Your First Language:** Translated versions of the application form, financial assistance policy are available upon request.

**Other Assistance:** You may be eligible for other government programs. We can help you learn whether these programs (including Medicaid/Apple Health and Veterans Affairs benefits) can help cover your medical bills. We can help you apply for these programs.

**Uninsured discounts:** We offer a discount for patients who do not have health insurance coverage. Please contact us about our discount program.

**Payment plans:** Any balance for amounts owed by you is due within 30 days. The balance can be paid in any of the following ways: credit card, debit card, cash, check, online bill pay or payment plan. If you need a payment plan, please call the number on your billing statement.

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**Emergency Care:** Ferry County Public Hospital District No 1 has a dedicated emergency department and provides care for emergency medical conditions (as defined by the Emergency Medical Treatment and labor Act) without discrimination consistent with available capabilities, without regard to whether or not a patient has the ability to pay or is eligible for financial assistance.

Thank you for trusting us with your care.

**REFERENCES:**

WSHA Model Plain Language Summary 2016