



Cooperstown Medical Center

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

Cooperstown Medical Center provides free or discounted emergency and other medically care to patients who do not have insurance and who qualify for assistance under its Financial Assistance Policy. Certain exclusions apply, including for example, elective services, balances covered by other funding sources, and failure to cooperate in securing alternative funding sources.

This document is only a summary. Please refer to the Financial Assistance Policy for complete details.

### **Eligibility Requirements and Assistance Offered Under the Financial Assistance Policy**

Patients who qualify for assistance are eligible for income-based, sliding scale discounts for emergency and other medically necessary care. In general:

- Uninsured patients whose family income is equal to or less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are generally eligible for free emergency and medically necessary care.
- Uninsured patients whose family income is between 100% and 200% below the Federal Poverty Guidelines generally receive a sliding scale discount ranging from 10% to 100% for emergency and other medically necessary care.

A patient who qualifies for assistance under the Financial Assistance Policy will not be charged more for emergency or medically necessary care than amounts generally billed to patients having insurance covering such care.

### **How to Obtain Copies of the Financial Assistance Policy and Financial Assistance Application**

Copies of the Financial Assistance Policy, this plain language summary and the Financial Assistance and associated instructions are free of charge upon request at the business office. Copies can also be found at the clinic and admissions areas of the hospital. These documents may also be found online at [coopermc.com](http://coopermc.com).

### **How to apply for Assistance under the Financial Assistance Policy**

To apply for financial assistance, please submit a complete Financial Assistance Application with supporting documents to Cooperstown Medical Center 1200 Roberts Ave. NE  
Cooperstown, ND 58425