



## Axis Health System Sliding Fee Discount Program

Axis Health System offers a Sliding Fee Discount Program to people who qualify based on their family household size and income. The Sliding Fee Discount is designed to provide discounted care to people who have no means, or limited means, to pay for services offered by Axis Health System.

### DEFINITIONS

- **Family** refers to a group of two or more people related by birth, marriage (including same-sex marriage) or adoption. It includes foster care or legal guardianships for people who live together.
- **Household** refers to households maintained by a family, which includes all people over the age of 18. This includes non-family members who contributed income to support the family/patient in the last calendar year.
- **Income** is earnings (before taxes and deductions) over a period of time used to support an individual/household unit.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please make an appointment at an [Axis Health System clinic](#) and tell the front desk staff you would like to complete an application for the Sliding Fee Discount. Only one application per family/household is permitted. Bring proof of income (POI) with you to this appointment. Our staff will help you by completing your application with you in person. Please note that a new or updated application requires an original signature. Be aware that all charges will be considered full fee until your application is approved. Once approved, charges will be adjusted to include the discount.

### PROOF OF INCOME

To apply for the Sliding Fee Discount, the patient must produce family/household proof of income (POI) for all applicants in the household over the age of 18. Approved proof of income can include:

- Last 30 days of recent pay stubs (must be in a row)
- Current filed tax return
- Current W-2
- Unemployment income
- Social Security income
- Letter from place of employment on company letterhead. Letter must include a contact name and phone number as well as the gross amount earned for the time period.
- If you have another type of POI, bring it with to your appointment.
- Personal checks and bank statements are NOT accepted.

If you don't have POI at the time of your appointment, you will be put on a presumptive (pending) application. Please provide POI within two weeks of your appointment so your charges are handled properly. In instances when POI is not received within the two-week period, the application will be closed as incomplete and full-fee charges will be your responsibility. A new application will be necessary if you want to reapply for the discount. A presumptive application is only eligible once in a 12-month period, so it is very important to provide proof of income promptly. In the event of a denied application, you may reapply if there has been a change in your income or family size.

**MORE INFORMATION:** To learn more about paying for your care, visit [AXIShealthsystem.org](http://AXIShealthsystem.org).