



BERKSHIRE MEDICAL CENTER, FAIRVIEW HOSPITAL, and BERKSHIRE FACULTY SERVICES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Overview:

It is the policy of Berkshire Medical Center, Fairview Hospital, and Berkshire Faculty Services to offer free or discounted care to patients with demonstrated financial need for medically necessary, urgent, or emergency care at all locations of the following hospitals and physician organization: Berkshire Medical Center, Fairview Hospital, and Berkshire Faculty Services. Berkshire Medical Center, Fairview Hospital, and Berkshire Faculty Services provide several options to reduce the out of pocket costs to patients with demonstrated financial need, including helping patients enroll in the Health Safety Net program; other insurance programs sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; payment plans; and Berkshire Medical Center, Fairview Hospital, and Berkshire Faculty Services' Financial Assistance Programs described below. Translation services are available to our community members in need.

Berkshire Medical Center, Fairview Hospital, and Berkshire Faculty Services Financial Assistance Program:

How to Qualify:

Financial assistance is available to patients and their family members with household income less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. If you qualify, you will not be billed more than the amount generally billed to patients with insurance coverage.

In order to be determined eligible you must:

- Apply for any state or governmental medical assistance program for which you may be eligible and provide proof of application.
- Complete, sign, and date the Financial Assistance Application.
- Provide verification of all household income. Examples of such verification would be your recent paystubs, or most recent income tax return and all attachments including W2s. Please reference the application instructions for a complete list.
- Return your completed application to the Advocacy for Access Program of Berkshire Medical Center, or to the Access Services Department of Fairview Hospital.

How to Apply:

Contact the Advocacy for Access Program of Berkshire Medical Center or the Access Services Department of Fairview Hospital to request, free of charge, a paper copy of the Financial Assistance Policy, the Financial Assistance Application, and instructions on how to fill it out. This request may be made by telephone, in person, or email.

Berkshire Medical Center and Fairview Hospital Patient Financial Counseling contact information:

Berkshire Medical Center
Advocacy for Access
510 North St Ste 8
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Telephone: 413-447-3139
E-Mail: fapinfo@bhs1.org

Fairview Hospital
Access Services
29 Lewis Ave
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Telephone: 413-854-9605
E-Mail: fapinfo@bhs1.org

The summary of the Berkshire Medical Center, Fairview Hospital and Berkshire Faculty Services Financial Assistance Policy, the Financial Assistance Application, and instructions on how to fill it out in English and Spanish can be located on Berkshire Health Systems' website:

www.berkshirehealthsystems.org/financial-counseling