

Hospital Discounted Care Your rights as a patient



What is Hospital Discounted Care?

Hospital Discounted Care is a Colorado law. It limits how much hospitals can charge some patients. It offers lower costs and payment plans. For patients whose income is at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, the limits to how much the hospital can charge must follow the rules of Hospital Discounted Care.

Contact Pioneers Medical Center at (970) 878-9792 to see if you qualify.

Overview:

- You may qualify if your income is low. Your gross household income must be 250% of the federal poverty guidelines or less. The hospital will help you see if you qualify.
- If you qualify:
 - o Hospitals and providers must limit your bills.
 - o You can get a payment plan. The plan is based on your income.
- You may qualify even if you:
 - o Are not a citizen.
 - o Are an immigrant.
 - o Have health insurance.

Your Rights

- You have the right to ask the hospital to:
 - o See if you can get Hospital Discounted Care or other help.
 - o See if you can get Health First Colorado (Colorado Medicaid).
 - o See if you can get other programs.
 - o Create a payment plan if you qualify.
- The hospital must give you information about your rights. The information must be in the language you prefer.
- To see if you qualify or ask questions, call (970) 878-9792 or [visit the Hospital Discounted Care webpage.](#)

The Law About Bills from Hospitals and Providers

- You may get a bill from your hospital. You may also get bills from physicians who saw you in the hospital.
- If you qualify, any bill you get because of a hospital visit is limited. The bills cannot be more than Hospital Discounted Care allows.
 - o You can [look up the amounts for health care services at your hospital.](#)
- Your bills must be split into monthly payments.
 - o The amount you pay will depend on your income.
 - o For more information, please [go to our website.](#)
- You do not owe any more money after:
 - o You make 36 monthly payments, or
 - o You pay the full discounted amount in your payment plan.

Public Health Coverage and Discounts

- If you do **NOT** have health insurance:
 - o The hospital must see if you qualify for:

