

AMBERWELL HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Amberwell Health provides care to patients in our service area without regard to their ability to pay for the services. Realizing that many in our service area need special consideration in this regard, Amberwell Health provides a significant amount of services at no charge or a reduced cost to eligible persons who are indigent cannot pay for care. Discounts for qualified patients are based on a percentage of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. These guidelines are updated annually. Patients may apply at the time of service, or up to 240 days after receiving their first statement. Before applying the discount, the total charges will first be reduced by the average percentage of write off for all payer contracts.

Persons and Services NOT Eligible:

- Non-U.S. citizens, lacking immigrant status (including visitors and students).
- Persons who reside outside of Amberwell Health service area at the time of service based on location.
- Elective/non-emergent procedures including but not limited to: cosmetic type of services, fertility and infertility treatment and procedure including birth control, circumcision, hearing aids and evaluations, weight loss programs unless diabetes related, sports physicals, and Lap Band procedures.
- Persons not cooperating to obtain eligibility or payment assistance from third party resources.
- Collection agency accounts that have incurred legal fees.

Eligibility Guidelines:

Eligibility is based on **residency, gross income, and household size**. The discount is given only after all payment sources have been exhausted.

1. Residency:

- The applicant must be a permanent resident of Hiawatha Hospitals service area. A post office box is not acceptable. A utility bill or another form of mail addressed to the applicant at the permanent residence will be required.
 - Primary service area in Kansas: Denton, Everet, Fairview, Hamlin, Hiawatha, Highland, Horton, Kickapoo, Morrill, Padania, Powhattan, Reserve, Robinson, Severance, Whitecloud, and Willis
 - Primary service area in Nebraska: Falls City
- If a person is an immigrant, applicant must have an "Alien Resident Card" or a "United States Citizen Identification Card", not a temporary card or pending status.

2. Income:

- All applicants will be asked to disclose and document all sources of income received by the household.
- Patient or family must have written verification of household income for three or twelve months

3. Household:

- A household is a group of people who live together. They must be connected by marriage, civil partnership, or be a recognized couple (same sex or opposite sex), or they can be related - a child, parent, sister, brother, nephew, niece, or in-law, for instance - or have another recognized connection such as fostering or adoption. A household is all people living together in one house collectively.

To inquire about financial assistance please call Amberwell Health's Financial Counselor at 785-742-6397 You may obtain Financial Assistance information and an application at our Financial Counselor, hospital outpatient registration, & Emergency Department registration areas. You may also find our Financial Assistance application and guidelines online at www.amberwellhealth.org. Financial Assistance signs are also posted at hospital outpatient & ED registration desks. Financial Assistance notification is also included on the patient statements and letters.

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Financial assistance may be applied on any account(s) that have been assigned to an outside collection agency. Amberwell Health can place accounts with a collection agency within 120 days, however, the collection agency cannot begin any extraordinary collection actions before the first 240 days from the date of the first statement.

Definition of Household

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Definition of Income

Income is the total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources, for all persons in the family unit, with the exceptions noted. Income data for a part of a year may be annualized to determine eligibility – for instance, by multiplying four the amounts of income received during the most recent three months. Income includes money, wages (including overtime), and salaries before any deductions. Income also includes gross receipts from non-far or farm self-employment. Income includes (but not limited to) regular payment from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment, compensation, strike benefits from union funds, workers' compensation, veterans' payments, public assistance.

Supplemental Security Income, General Assistance or General relief money payments, training stipends, alimony, child support and military family allotments or other regular support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household; private pensions, stocks, bonds, government employee pension (including military retirement pay) and regular insurance or annuity payments; college or university scholarships, grants, fellowships, and assistantships; and dividend, interest, net rural income, net royalties, receipts from estates or trusts, inheritance and net gambling or lottery winnings.

Amberwell Health Financial Assistance Guidelines

Family Size	A discount may be given if income is below:
1	\$15,650
2	\$21,150
3	\$26,650
4	\$32,150
5	\$37,650
6	\$43,150
7	\$48,650
8	\$54,150
9	\$59,650
10	\$65,150

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Presumptive Eligibility

There are instances when a patient may appear eligible for financial discounts, but there is no financial assistance form on file or a lack of supporting documentation. In the event there is no evidence to support a patient's eligibility for financial assistance, Amberwell Health may use outside agencies or vendors in determining eligibility and potential discount amounts. These resources may use demographic and household information and/or credit scoring technology to determine the percent of assistance to apply to the patient's account. Patients who meet presumptive eligibility criteria may be granted financial assistance without completing the application.

Not all services are provided and billed by Amberwell Health. Therefore, the patient will need to discuss financial options and payments with those individual companies; including but not limited to professional radiology, specialty physicians, and pathology. The following is a general listing of participating and non-participating providers. Please inquire with any questions as providers listed may change.

Participating/Non-Participating Providers

Participating Providers		
Alexander, Robin CRNA, Anesthesiology	Jagels, Danielle, FNP, Family Medicine	Rooney (Teeter) Lexy J., PAC Orthopedic Care
Bakri, Sarah, DNP, FNP-C Family Medicine	Jarvis, Jessica, MD Family Medicine	Rosa, Peter, MD Family Medicine
Baum, Jennifer, PA-C General Surgery	Jolliff, John MD Cardiology	Rziha, Michaela, PA, Orthopedic Care
Anwander, Annette, MD Family Medicine	Kettler, Katie, FNP- C Emergency	Schiebur, Joslyn Physical Therapy
Birdashaw, Bella, NP Emergency	Knudson, Paige, CRNA Anesthesiology	Scholtz, Monica, NP Family Medicine
Bradbury, Tiffany, NP Emergency	Kriwiel, Mariah, MD Family Medicine	Selland, Kristen, CNM, APRN Family Medicine
Clevenger, Gerald, PA Family Medicine	Leck, Johnathan K., MD Family Medicine	Searight, Lowell, MD Family Medicine
Courtney, Elizabeth, NP Family Medicine	Long, Arlene, NP Family Medicine	Sherlock, Kellen, MD Emergency
Darland, Tyler, MD, Family Medicine	Lueger, Dana, Dietitian	Spangler, Catherine J., DNP, FNP-BC
Davis, Elijah, DPM, Podiatry	Manning, Kristen, NP Emergency	Stewart, Gabriel, MD Family Medicine
Duncan, Brian MD, Orthopedic Care	Meats, Carli, CRNA Anesthesiology	Sudbeck, Mark, Physical Therapy
Durbin, Andrew, CRNA Anesthesiology	Mueller, Meredith, Occupational Therapy	Tackett, Bonnie, MD Family Medicine
Enneking, Bonnie, NP Family Medicine	Meyers, Jason A., MD ENT	Tackett, Brandon J., MD, Family Medicine
Gernon, Crosby, MD, Radiology	Nelson, Joshua, MD PharmD, Orthopedic Care	Thomas, Ryan M, MD, Family Practice
Graham, Mandy, Speech Therapy	Nilges, Janae, NP Family Medicine	Twombly, Jody, PA Family Medicine
Green, Norma E., MD, Family Medicine	Petros, Ruth, CRNA Anesthesiology	Vilander, Cassandra, NP Emergency
Grimes, Russell, DPM	Potter, Bryan Speech Therapy	Warren, Roderick, MD, Surgical Care
Gernon, Craig, MD Cardiology	Pruessner, Michelle, PA Occupational Health	Williams, Dustin, NP, Emergency
Groth, McGarrett M., DO, Internal Medicine	Radadiya, Shashank, MD Rheumatology	Winkel, Caleb, Physical Therapy
Hart, David W., DNP, CRNA Anesthesiology	Reece, Micah A., CRNA Anesthesiology	Young, Lane, CRNA, Anesthesiology

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Non-Participating Providers		
The University of Kansas Health System	Mehta, Nikhil, MD Cardiac Electrophysiology	Parris, Jeremy J., MD Pathology
Caracioni, Adrian, MD Cardiology	Rahman, Zia Ur., MD Cardiology	Leonard, Ronald L., DO Pathology
Pierpoline, Michael J., DO Cardiology	Chow, Chen H., MD Cardiology	Faber, Erin, DO, Pathology
Wilkins, Diane Y., APRN Cardiology	Kastner, Donney W., MD Cardiology	Shelvin, Douglas W., MD Pathology
Dinkel, Kristen E., APRN Cardiology	Radiology Specialist of St Joseph (RSSJ)	Shold, Janna C., DO Pathology
Boyd, Jonathan D., MD Cytopathologist	Alvarez, Jose F., MD Radiology	Thomason, Jon G., MD, Pathology
Kennedy, Rita APRN Cardiology	Williams, Patrick F., DO Radiology	Tawfik, Ossama W., MD Pathology
Sloan, Kristi, APRN Oncology	Bridges, Jack L., MD Radiology	Gupta, Chakshu, MD, Pathology
Hamilton, Shiloh R., APRN Cardiology	Bruan, John W., DO Radiology	Upchurch, Garland M. MD Pathology
Mamidipally, Swapna, MD Cardiology	Myers, Timothy, MD, Radiology	Holly, Jason-Scott L., MD, Pathology
Bachelor, Angela T. APRN Cardiology	Nielson, Brett, DO Radiology	Hunt, Edgar L., Jr., MD, Pathology
Vaglio, Joseph, MD Cardiac Electrophysiology	Pal, Michelle L., MD Radiology	Kozel, Jessica A., MD Pathology
Leifer, Leslie, A., Cardiology	Poplaw, Steven, MD, Radiology	Dandekar, Monisha N., MD Dermatopathology
Stormont Vail Health	Looney, Steven C., MD Radiology	LaRue, Steven, MD, Pathology
Dimitriu, Vlad, MD Pulmonary Care	Thurman, Robert D. MD Radiology	Pike, John M. MD, Pathology
Bernd, Kevin, DO Cardiology	Saverino, Benjamin P, MD, Radiology	Spengel, Kenneth C., DO, Pathology
Barberena, Jaime E., MD Interventional Cardiology	Wyatt, Alvin R., II, MD, Radiology	Sramek, Brett W., DO, Pathology
Birkbeck, James P., MD Cardiology	Trissell, Brian J., MD Radiology	Webster, Natalie, MD Pathology
Jones, Jack A. MD Interventional Cardiology	Renfro, Daniel C., DO Radiology	Rupp, P, Arron, MD Pathology
Hurtig, James, MD Cardiology	Mosaic Life Care	Schneider, Ashley, MD Pathology
Hakeem, Hisham, MD Cardiology	Mitchell, David R., MD Interventional Rad	Beavers, T., Charles, MD Pathology
Morrison, Heather, MD Obstetrics	Gortes, Franciso, MD Interventional Rad	Ewing, David E., MD Pathology
Doyle, Thomas, MD Emergency	Patel Medical Center	Carmichael, Bradley J., MD, Pathology
Stallbaumer, Tonya M., APRN Cardiology	Patel, Sudha M., MD Psychiatry	Sabetha Community Hospital
Rao, Seshu, MD Cardiology	Phoenix Urology	Voos, Jennifer L., PA Family Medicine
Seals, Steven E., MD Cardiac Electrophysiology	Moore, Bradley J., MD Urology	Saint Lukes Health System
Gudgell, Amanda, DO Pulmonary Care	McPeak Optometry	Madigan, Steven K, MD, Pathology
Ababneh, Bashar A., MD Cardiology	McPeak, Eric, OD	Topeka ENT
Patel, Nilay, MD Cardiology	Mawd Pathology Group, INC	Reinecke, Carl M., APRN
Warren, Michelle APRN Pulmonary Care	Bush, James W. MD, Pathology	Neuenswander, Julie L., AuD
Amr, Bashar S., MD Cardiology	Caughron, Samuel K., MD, Pathology	Wohlgemuth, Katie L., APRN
Gernon, Craig, MD Cardiology	Hernandez-Rios, Pablo J., MD Pathology	