



St. Vincent Hospital

Medical Billing Conversations can lead to Solutions

Fearing a big medical bill, a person might decide not to seek necessary medical care because they are not aware that there are many options for financial assistance for healthcare. A conversation with their hospital's or provider's business office can often reveal solutions. At St. Vincent hospital we have seen this happen time and time again.

Financial assistance for uninsured people usually involves programs such as Medicaid, CICIP (Colorado Indigent Care Program) and the hospital's sliding fee scale. Eligibility requirements for these programs are fairly straight forward and experts will assist them with the forms and process. If you are uninsured, you might be surprised by what you can qualify for in regard to Medicaid or private insurance. You may also be eligible for tax credits to help pay your insurance bill.

CICIP and Sliding Fee:

CICIP provides discounted health care services when hospitals and clinics participate in the program. The patient is issued a card after becoming eligible and that card can be used at any participating healthcare facility in Colorado.

A sliding fee scale is typically available at hospitals and doctor's offices. It is based on Federal Poverty Guidelines and takes into account the patient's earnings, household size and expenses. At St. Vincent Hospital this assistance can be extended to undocumented persons as well – with a county issued ID or green card. Once a person becomes eligible for a sliding fee scale, it is typically good for one year and they are given a card to present when they visit to the hospital or doctor.

We encourage you, pick up the phone, stop in, or make an appointment with Janet Petty in the St. Vincent Hospital business office to discuss financial assistance or insurance enrollment. We can help.

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