

Ascension Via Christi Health

Ascension Via Christi St. Francis
Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph
Ascension Via Christi St. Teresa
Ascension Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital
Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg
Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan
Wamego Health Center
Ascension Via Christi Emergency Department in Fort Scott
Ascension Medical Group
Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center
Anatomi Imaging
Ascension Via Christi Imaging Manhattan, Inc.
Affiliated Medical Services Laboratory, Inc.

Summary of Financial Assistance Policy

Ascension Via Christi Health, including the health ministries listed above, have a commitment to and respect for each person's dignity with a special concern for those who struggle with barriers to access healthcare services. Ascension Via Christi Health has an equal commitment to manage its healthcare resources as a service to the entire community. In furtherance of these principles, Ascension Via Christi Health provides financial assistance for certain individuals who receive emergency or other medically necessary care from Ascension Via Christi Health. This summary provides a brief overview of Ascension Via Christi Health's Financial Assistance Policy.

Who Is Eligible?

You may be able to get financial assistance if you live in Sedgwick County which is part of the Wichita, Kansas, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget. The MSA is an area consisting of five counties in south central Kansas, anchored by the city of Wichita. The five counties include Butler, Harvey, Sedgwick, Sumner and Kingman. Ascension Via Christi Hospital Manhattan and Wamego Health Center community is defined as Riley, Pottawatomie and Geary counties. Ascension Via Christi Hospital Pittsburg community is defined as Crawford, Bourbon, Cherokee and Linn counties. Financial assistance is generally determined by your total household income as compared to the Federal Poverty Level. If your income is less than or equal to 250¹% of the Federal Poverty

¹ Percentage should be the same as set in the FAP. As noted in the FAP, Health Ministries may adjust the 250% threshold higher, but not lower, for cost of living utilizing the local wage index compared to national wage index.

Level, you may receive a 100% charity care write-off on the portion of the charges for which you are responsible. If your income is above 250¹³% of the Federal Poverty Level but does not exceed 400²⁰% of the Federal Poverty Level, you may receive discounted rates on a sliding scale. If you have medical debt for emergency and medically necessary care that exceeds your income, you may be eligible for a discount. If you have assets in excess of 250% of your Federal Poverty Level income amount you may not qualify for financial assistance. [You may have to pay a small flat charge for services.]³ Patients who are eligible for financial assistance will not be charged more for eligible care than the amounts generally billed to patients with insurance coverage.

What Services Are Covered?

The Financial Assistance Policy applies to emergency and other medically necessary care. These terms are defined in the Financial Assistance Policy. All other care is not covered by the Financial Assistance Policy.

How Can I Apply?

To apply for financial assistance, you typically will complete a written application and provide supporting documentation, as described in the Financial Assistance Policy and the Financial Assistance Policy application.⁴

How Can I Get Help with an Application?

For help with a Financial Assistance Policy application, you may contact Financial Counselors at one of the below.

- Via Christi Hospitals in Wichita, 929 N. St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67214, 316-268-5178, option #2
- Via Christi Hospitals in Pittsburg, One Mt. Carmel Way, Pittsburg, KS 66762, 620-232-0198, option #2
- Via Christi Hospitals in Manhattan, 1823 College Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502, 785-565-4794, option #2
- Wamego Health Center, 711 Genn Drive, Wamego, KS 66547, 785-565-4794, option #2

How Can I Get More Information?

² Percentage should be the same as set in the FAP. As noted in the FAP, Health Ministries may adjust the 400% threshold higher or lower for cost of living utilizing the local wage index compared to national wage index.

³ Language to be included if the Organization charges a nominal amount to those receiving financial assistance.

⁴ The FAP allows the Health Ministry to define its process for applying for financial assistance. The Organization should add to this section of the Summary pertinent details specific to the Organization's application process.

Copies of the Financial Assistance Policy and Financial Assistance Policy application form are available at www.viachristi.org and at Via Christi Hospitals in Wichita, 929 N. St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67214, Via Christi Hospitals in Pittsburg, One Mt. Carmel Way, Pittsburg, KS 66762, Via Christi Hospitals in Manhattan, 1823 College Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502 or Wamego Health Center, 711 Genn Drive, Wamego, KS 66547. Free copies of the Financial Assistance Policy and Financial Assistance Policy application also can be obtained by mail by calling 888-244-2266, option 2. Additional information about the Financial Assistance Policy also is available at Financial Counseling / 929 N. St. Francis, Wichita 67214 or by telephone at 888-244-2266, option 2.

What If I Am Not Eligible?

If you do not qualify for financial assistance under the Financial Assistance Policy, you may qualify for other types of assistance. For more information, please contact Financial Counseling at 888-244-2266.

Translations of the Financial Assistance Policy, the Financial Assistance Policy application and instructions, and this plain language summary are available in the following languages on our website and upon request:

Spanish
Vietnamese