

 NORTH MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER	DEPARTMENT: Business Services ORIGINATION DATE: 6/1/2018
POLICY/PROCEDURE: Uninsured Discount Policy	REVISED DATE: 4/17/19
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PURPOSE:

As part of the charity Financial Assistance Policy: To give self-pay (uninsured) patients the opportunity to receive discounted services by offering a discount upon discharge for services.

POLICY:

The Uninsured Discount is applied to patient accounts that meet the uninsured discount criteria.

PROCEDURE:

This policy relates specifically to patients who have no insurance (self-pay). All non-insured patients will automatically qualify for an uninsured discount of 57% on all initial services billed of the facility. This is for all services rendered outpatient and inpatient services, elective and non-elective services.

For All Billed Services:-

1. Self-Pay/Non-Insured patients will receive a 57% uninsured discount at the time of final bill.
2. Accounts registered with the following carriers will have this discount applied: Uninsured, Tupelo Service Finance, Medicaid Family Planning, Christian Hospital Aid, or Medishare.
3. If a patient is admitted with insurance and discovered to be truly uninsured. The carrier is updated to uninsured and the 57% discount is later applied.
4. If a patient is uninsured and receives the 57% discount and is discovered to have insurance for that DOS, the account will be updated with the payer information for filing and the uninsured discount is unapplied.

Definitions:

Non-Elective Services:

These are patient statuses which are medically emergent or urgent, such as inpatient, observation, emergency, or ambulance.

Elective Services:

These are patient statuses which are not medically emergent or urgent, such as outpatient services.

This policy does not include professional services that are billed separately by the physician or mid-level provider.