



Dear Patient,

St. Elizabeth Healthcare understands that hospital medical care can create unexpected financial hardships for patients and their families. We offer several financial assistance programs designed to help relieve this burden.

We have enclosed a financial assistance application. In order for the application to be processed all questions must be answered, if non-applicable mark "NA". Please complete and sign the application. You will also need to include household income information. **If any portion is missing or proof of income is not included, we will be unable to process your application.**

In order to check for program eligibility we require verification of all household income for the twelve months prior to your date of service. Please attach copies of the following that would prove household income:

- Pay Stubs - Most recent pay-stub required that reflects Year-to-date Gross Income for date(s) service applying for.
- Tax Return (Prior Year) or years applying for. (Only Page 1 of the Federal Income Tax return that reflects individuals filing, dependents claimed and adjusted gross income is required)
- Employer supplied data (Income for date(s) service applying for)
- SSI/SSD - Must send Award Letter and Bank Statement showing Direct Deposit (For Each Year Applying for) The bank statement must have Bank Name, Patient Name, deposit, and balance in account.

If you have additional questions or need assistance in completing the application please call 859-301-9090, Sunday through Saturday 9am-7pm to speak with a MedAssist representative.

Sincerely,

Patient Financial Services



ADDRESSEE:

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE
ATTN: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
1 MEDICAL VILLAGE DRIVE
EDGEWOOD KY 41017

Application for Disproportionate Share Hospital Program (DSH) and Medicaid/KCHIP Screening Form

The following information is used to determine if an individual who requests or has already received hospital services is eligible for Disproportionate Share Hospital services or should be referred instead to the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP. Refer all children aged 19 and under to the DCBS office in the county of the individual's residence for a KCHIP eligibility determination.

Section 1: Individual Information

1. Today's Date: _____ 2. Patient's Name: _____ 3. Street Address: _____ 4. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ 5. *Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ 6. Date of Birth: ___/___/___ 7. Patient Sex: _____ 8. Home Phone: _____	9. Work Phone: _____ 10. Dates Hospital Provided Service: ___/___/___ - ___/___/___ 11. Married/Single: _____ 12. Name of Spouse: _____ 13. Is the patient pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If YES, refer the patient to DCBS for Medicaid eligibility determination</i> 14. Is the patient a resident of Kentucky? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>("Resident" is defined as a person living in Kentucky and who is not Public Assistance in another state.)</i>
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* Please note that a Social Security Number is **not** required, and does not need to be provided. This information is only used to determine if the patient is currently receiving Medicaid. This information will not be shared, and will not be used for any other purpose.

If the answer to question 14 is yes, go to question 15. If the answer to question 14 is no, advise the patient that he/she does not meet criteria for eligibility for DSH and complete Section V.

15. List the name, relationship, and age of each person living in the household.

Household Member's Name	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

16. Does the individual have dependent children living in the home? Yes No
- (a) If the answer to question 16 is **YES**, refer the individual to **DCBS for Medicaid**;
 - (b) If the answer to question 16 is **NO**, refer the individual to DCBS for Medicaid **ONLY IF** the individual has **NOT** received a denial from Medicaid within 30 days; or,
 - (c) If the individual, who has no children less than 18 years of age, claims to be disabled, refer the individual both to DCBS to apply for Medicaid and to the Social Security Administration to apply for SSI
- *See Criteria for Medicaid and KCHIP Eligibility on Page 4.**

17. Income information:

a. Patient/Responsible Party Employer: _____
 b. Spouse Employer: _____
 c. Work Phone: _____
 d. Total Gross Monthly Income: _____
 e. Other Income: _____
 i. Unemployment: _____
 ii. Child Support: _____
 iii. Social Security: _____
 iv. Workers Comp: _____
 v. Other: _____

Total Family Unit Gross Monthly Income: \$ _____

18. Insurance Information:

a. Health/Life Insurance: _____
 b. Phone Number: _____
 c. Policy Number: _____
 d. Group Number: _____
 e. Policy Holder: _____
 f. Relation to Patient: _____

19. Countable Resources:

	Bank Name	Balance Value
a. Checking:	_____	_____
b. Savings	_____	_____
c. Money Market	_____	_____
d. Mutual Fund	_____	_____
e. Stocks	_____	_____
f. Bonds	_____	_____
g. Other	_____	_____
* Total Health Bills Owed:	_____	_____
*Total Resources:	_____	_____

**Countable Resources shall be reduced by unpaid medical expenses of the family unit to establish eligibility.*

20. Other Information: a. Was date of service related to an auto accident? Yes No
 b. Have you applied for and been denied Medicaid or KCHIP Benefits? Yes No

Section 2: Hospital Indigent Care Criteria

1. An individual must meet all of the following conditions:
- The individual is a resident of Kentucky
 - The individual is **not eligible** for Medicaid or KCHIP
 - The individual is **not** covered by a 3rd party payer
 - The individual is **not** in the custody of a unit of government which is responsible for coverage of the acute care needs of the individual.
 - The individual meets the following income and resource criteria:

Household Size	100% of the Poverty Level (Monthly Income Limit)*	100% of the Poverty Level (Annual Income Limit)*
1	\$1,012.00	\$12,140.00
2	\$1,372.00	\$16,460.00
3	\$1,732.00	\$20,780.00
4	\$2,092.00	\$25,100.00
5	\$2,452.00	\$29,420.00

*** Add \$4,320.00 for each additional person.**

- All income of a family unit is to be counted and a family unit includes:
 - The individual;
 - The Individual spouse who lives in the home;
 - A parent or parents, of a minor child, who lives in the home;
 - All minor children who live in the home.
- Related and nonrelated household member(s) who do not fall into one of the groups listed above shall be considered a separate family unit.
- Countable resources are limited to cash, checking and savings accounts, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and money market accounts.
- Countable resources may be reduced by unpaid medical expenses of the family unit to determine eligibility.

Section 3: Certifying Accuracy of Information

I hereby agree to furnish the Hospital all necessary information to allow them to determine my need to receive financial assistance for health care services received. I agree that the Hospital will be provided with or may obtain all documents necessary to verify my current income, employment status, and resources, and that failure to supply requested information within thirty (30) working days is grounds for denial of my application for assistance. I also agree to notify the Hospital immediately of any change of address, telephone number, employment status, or income.

I agree to allow the Hospital representative to determine eligibility and pursue state and federal assistance with Medicaid, KCHIP and DSH.

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I give false information or withhold information in accepting assistance, I may be subject to prosecution for fraud. I understand that I have a right to request a fair hearing if I am dissatisfied with any action taken on my application. I understand that I must contact the hospital to make a hearing request.

Individual or Responsible Party's Signature

Date

Hospital Employee Signature

Date

Does the individual appear to qualify for Medicaid? Yes No
If yes, then refer the individual to the DCBS office in the county of the individual's residence. The individual should take a copy of this form with him/her to the DCBS office.

Section 4: Refusal to Apply for Medicaid

The individual or his responsible party shall sign below if he refuses to apply for Medicaid.

I refuse to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP coverage. I understand that this refusal may result in me being billed for any services performed.

Individual or Responsible Party's Signature

Date

Section 5: Indigent Care Denial

The individual does not meet the criteria for indigent care for the following reason (please check what applies):

1. ___ The individual is not a resident of Kentucky.
2. ___ The individual has been referred to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP but has refused to apply.
3. ___ The individual already receives or has been approved for Medicaid or KCHIP.
4. ___ The individual has been referred to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP but has not shown at the end of 30 days that the application was filed.
5. ___ The individual has been referred to an applied for Medicaid or KCHIP within 30 days but has not shown at the end of 120 days that the application has been **denied** or the application is **pending**.
6. ___ The individual did not provide within 120 days information needed to verify income, resources or employment status.
7. ___ The individual is covered by the following third party payer:_____.
8. ___ The individual is in the custody of the following unit of government which is responsible for the coverage of the acute care needs of the individual:_____.
9. ___ The household income of \$_____ is too high.
10. ___ The household resources of \$_____ are too high, even when reduced by unpaid medical bills.

*The individual believes that he/she is eligible for indigent care for the following reason:

Section 6: Hearing Request

The individual may request a fair hearing within 90 days of this determination either by:

1. Signing and dating the hearing request below and returning a copy of this application to the hospital, or
2. Sending a letter to the hospital requesting a hearing.

Hearing requests must be post marked or hand-delivered within 90 days of the date below to:

Name or Department:_____

Hospital:_____

Address:_____

I request a hearing on this denial. I believe I am eligible for indigent care.

Patient Signature:_____ Date:_____

The hospital shall conduct a fair hearing within 30 days of receiving the individual's hearing request.

This determination was made by:

Hospital Employee Signature

Date

Witness

Date

Please see Page 4 for information regarding application stipulations.

RETAIN A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION IN THE PATIENT'S RECORDS.

THIS DETERMINATION IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL'S FINANCIAL SITUATION CHANGES.

Medicaid and KCHIP Eligibility

If the patient or household appear to be eligible for Medicaid or KCHIP:

- check the potential category of eligibility as listed below in this question
- complete the rest of this application and give a copy to the patient
- explain to the patient the requirement to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP within 30 days and report back within 120 days on whether the application:
 - has been approved or
 - has been denied or
 - is still pending

Refer to DCBS to apply for KCHIP or Medicaid if the patient is (check one):

- a child under 19
- an adult with related children living in the home
- pregnant
- 65 years old or older
- permanently disabled or blind or claims to be.

Do not refer a patient to DCBS to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP if the individual:

- received a denial of Medicaid or KCHIP within 30 days
- is an adult under 65 without related children in the home (unless the adult may meet the permanent and total disability criteria for Medicaid)

If an individual claims to be permanently and totally disabled, refer the individual both to DCBS to apply for Medicaid and to the Social Security Administration to apply for SSI.

If a patient demonstrates that s/he has applied for Medicaid or SSI but the application is still pending after the end of 120 days, approve this application.

Application Stipulations

Hand or mail a copy of this application to any individual denied coverage with a cover letter stating the reason for denial and that the individual has 90 days to appeal.

If the individual has been referred to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP, attempt to contact after 30 days to see whether the individual has applied.

If an individual has applied for Medicaid (including SSI) or KCHIP, attempt contact at 60, 90 and 120 days to see whether the application was approved or denied.

If information needed to verify income, resources or employment is missing, attempt contact at 15, 30 and 45 days to remind the patient. Assist persons with disabilities as needed.

If a Medicaid or SSI application has been made but is still pending after 120 days, you may approve this application.