



## **Salida Family Medicine**

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**Title: Discount Fee Policy**

**Policy:** It is the policy of Salida Family Medicine to provide essential medical services regardless of the patient's ability to pay. Discounts are offered based upon household income and size. A sliding fee schedule is used to calculate the basic discount and is updated each year using the federal poverty guidelines. Once approved, the discount will be honored for six months, after which the patient must reapply.

**Procedure:**

A completed application including required documentation of the home address, household income, and insurance coverage must be on file and approved by the business office before a discount will be granted. If the applicant appears to be eligible for Medicaid, a written denial of coverage by Medicaid may also be required.

Adolescent patients seeking confidential care are exempt from the application process, and services are provided at the nominal rate.

If approved the discount will apply to all physician services only. It would not include in house lab testing, immunizations, medical supplies, other medication, or other such services.

Every attempt will be made to qualify patients prior to services being rendered, however, if this is not possible these patients will be charged the minimum fee of \$10.00 until the application is completed.

All applicants must apply within 15 days of receipt of statement showing balance due from patient to qualify. Once an application has been started all information must be received within 15 days to qualify for a discount. No services outside these guidelines will be discounted. Visit copay's do not qualify for any discount.