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**POLICY:**

San Joaquin General Hospital (SJGH) maintains a process for determining sliding fee discounts for patients presenting at the point of service. This policy is developed and assures that no patient will be denied primary health care services due to their inability to pay. This policy further assures that SJGH will make every effort to collect any fees and will reduce or waive such fees should it create unnecessary burdens and barriers to primary care services delivered at SJGH.

**PURPOSE:**

1. To provide a mechanism to determine Sliding Fee Discount Schedule (SFDS) for patients without coverage from a third party payer.
2. To assess applicability to all individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
3. To adjust fees based on family size and income for individuals with incomes below 200% of the FPL.
4. To establish that SFDS is not applicable to individuals whose income is greater than 200% of the FPL and full amount of fees will be charged.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Sliding Fee Discount Schedule will be annually reviewed and approved.
2. Patients presenting to SJGH with no third party payor will be asked to complete a Client Eligibility Certification (CEC).
3. If the patient has a third party payor, they must provide verification of such insurance and pay any required co-pay.
4. If the patient is eligible for a sliding scale fee discount, staff will collect the co-pay as determined by the current SFDS. Should the patient not have the co-pay, additional Point of Service Collections will be attempted per scripts supplied to staff.
5. No patient will be turned away from receiving primary health care services due to their inability to pay.
6. CEC will be scanned into Quick Chart.
7. Patients will be referred to the SJGH Medical Financial Assistance Department to determine if the patient qualifies for any other financial assistance program for health care services.

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8. The Self Declared CEC will be completed by the applicant at every visit, until and unless the patient is screened by the SJGH Medical Financial Assistance (MFA) Department. Thereafter the patient will be screened annually by the MFA Department.
9. Following an MFA appointment and approval, staff will query the patients, "has your family size or income changed since you last visited the Clinic?" If yes, a new Self Declared CEC will be completed for that visit. The patient will be referred to MFA for an updated annual screening.

### Medical Financial Services (MFA) Screening

#### Required Documentation – Identity and Finances:

1. US Government/State issued photo I.D. (*see Identification P&P for more info*)
2. Pay stubs-last four for all sources (*wages, unemployment, work comp, disability*)
3. If you, or your spouse, are unemployed you will need to file an unemployment claim (800-300-5616) and bring in a copy of your EDD (*status of employment*) or most current Social Security report of earnings, current retirement check amount receiving or Social Security Retirement
4. If you are on general relief, bring in a report (SJ64) from your eligibility worker showing current status and case number; or Food Stamps "Passport to Services" printout.
5. If self employed, or have miscellaneous income: Complete income tax return; personal and business taxes. (*Most recent, including all W-2's and schedules*) If you do not have a copy, call 1-800-829-1040 for a tax transcript
6. Affidavit of non-resident status – for patients who are not legal residents of SJ County

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**Documentation in Medical Financial Assistance (MFA) Account**

1. MFA staff will document the outcome of the patient's financial screening in the Optimum computer system.
2. The patient will be identified as either approved or denied, SFS level, effective date and expiration date.
3. Patients will be approved for a period of 1 (one) year. There is not retroactive eligibility for the SFS. For example, patient approved effective 5/20/13 and will expire 4/30/14 to be consistent with current MFA practices.
4. Patients who are over income for the SFS will be evaluation for other SJGH funding sources and/or programs.

**Registration Information**

Financial Class

13 – Self Pay

Insurance Codes for Sliding Fee Scale – Self Declared

- 463 - Sliding Fee Scale Self Declared \$30
- 464 - Sliding Fee Scale Self Declared \$40
- 465 - Sliding Fee Scale Self Declared \$50
- 466 - Sliding Fee Scale Self Declared \$60

Insurance Codes for Sliding Fee Scale – Approved by MFA

- 473 - Sliding Fee Scale Eligible \$30
- 474 - Sliding Fee Scale Eligible \$40
- 475 - Sliding Fee Scale Eligible \$50
- 476 - Sliding Fee Scale Eligible \$60

Name: e-TEST ORDERENTRY	Suffix	Sex M
SS# 888-77-6666	Phone (209) 823-4111	MRN 764475
		Primary Doctor FADOO, FARHAN
<b>Sliding Fee Scale Screening Information</b>		
SFS Self Declared Date	<input type="text"/>	Sliding Fee Scale MFA Date Screened
SFS Self Declared Disposition	<input type="text"/>	Sliding Fee Scale MFA Disposition
SFS Self Declared Family Size	<input type="text"/>	SFS MFA Family Size
SFS Self Declared Monthly Income	<input type="text"/>	Sliding Fee Scale MFA Monthly Income
Sliding Fee Scale Self Declared Copay Level	<input type="text"/>	Sliding Fee Scale MFA Effective Date
		Sliding Fee Scale MFA Expiration Date
		Sliding Fee Scale MFA Copay Level

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**Registering patients for non-covered ancillary services:**

Patient will be directed to register separately for ancillary services ordered during their visit. At that time, patient for the ancillary services will be due.

Lab specimens sent to the lab via courier will be registered separately under Clinic Code "490" once received in the lab. The registrar will use the "ADD ILS Registration" function in Optimum to create an account for the specimens.

Ancillary services can be registered utilizing one of the following clinic codes:

<b>CODE</b>	<b>ANCILLARY DESCRIPTION</b>
025	ANCILLARIES
060	AUDIOLOGY
080	CARDIAC CATH LAB
160	DIAG IMAG-CAT SCAN
165	DIAG IMAG-MRI
180	DIAG IMAG-NUCL MED
185	DIAG IMAG-ROUTINE
200	DIAG IMAG-ULTRASOUND
230	ECHOCARDIOGRAM LAB
260	EEG
250	ELECTRO-CARDIOGRAM
490	LAB PHLEBOTOMY
740	PULMONARY FUNCTION
840	TREADMILL CLINIC

**Primary Clinics Eligible for Sliding Fee Scale**

Only clinic visits with primary care providers in the following clinics are covered by the sliding scale fee:

- Children's Health Services
- Family Medicine Clinic
- Family Practice California Street
- Healthy Beginnings California Street
- Health Beginnings French Camp
- Primary Medicine Clinic

*The following services are NOT covered by the sliding scale fee:*

- Blood/ Laboratory work
- Clinic visits to see Specialists
- Diagnostic Imaging Services (x-rays, CT scans, etc.)
- Prescriptions
- Special Procedures
- Specialty Care Services

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**\*\* Screen for all other funding sources prior to Sliding Fee Scale Discount \*\***

Healthy Beginnings French Camp

- 2020 GYN ONCOLOGY-HBF --- (Screen for CDP or PACT first)
- 350 GYNECOLOGY CLINIC --- (Screen for CDP or PACT first)
- 380 HB FRENCH CAMP/FPL/PP --- (Screen for PEM or PACT first)
- 1170 PERINATAL TEST HBF ---- (Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first)
- 2010 PERINATOLOGIST-HBF --- (Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first)
- 1180 SWEET SUCCESS HBF --- (Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first)
- 1160 CPSP-HB FRENCH CAMP--- (Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first)

Primary Medicine

- 2060 PM DIABETES TITRATION MAN
- 2040 PRIMARY MED EXTENDED HRS
- 720 PRIMARY MEDICINE (Screen children for CHDP first, if applicable)

Family Medicine

- 1060 FAMILY MEDICINE ASMD
- 1110 FAMILY MEDICINE BHV HLTH
- 320 FAMILY MEDICINE CLINIC -(Screen children for CHDP first, if applicable)
- 1030 FAMILY MEDICINE COPD
- 1020 FAMILY MEDICINE DERMATOLOGY
- 1010 FAMILY MEDICINE GERIATRIC
- 1040 FAMILY MEDICINE PRENATAL --- (Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first)
- 1120 FAMILY MEDICINE PSYCHOLOGY
- 2050 FAMILY MEDICINE RETINAL
- 1070 FAMILY MEDICINE SPORTS MEDICINE
- 2030 FAMILY MEDICINE-CPSP --- (Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first)
- 1000 FM DIABETES ED/CLASS
- 1090 FM WALK IN/OPEN ACCESS

Children's Health Services

- 120 CHILDRENS HEALTH SERVICES – (Screen for CHDP first, if applicable)
- 640 PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY
- 920 PEDIATRIC GENETICS
- 900 PEDS GASTROENTEROLOGY
- 325 PEDS NEURO CLINIC
- 910 PEDS PULMONOLOGY
- 805 SYNAGIS

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Healthy Beginnings California Street

- 135 CPSP HB CALIFORNIA ST --- (*Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first*)
- 370 HB CALIF/FPL/PP ----- (*Screen for PEM or PACT first*)
- 1130 HBC-GYN CLINIC --- (*Screen for CDP or PACT first*)
- 650 PERINATAL TESTING HB CAL --- (*Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first*)
- 1190 SWEET SUCCESS HB CALIF --- (*Screen for Presumptive Medi-cal first*)

Family Practice California Street

- 2000 FAMILY PRACTICE CALIF ST -(Screen children for CHDP, if applicable)

Attachments: Client Eligibility Certification, Sliding Fee Scale, Pamphlet  
 Authors: Patient Access Services, Ambulatory Care Services  
 References: 42 C.F.R. 51c.303(f) and 56.303(f)



**Sliding Fee Scale for  
San Joaquin General Hospital  
San Joaquin County Clinics**

**2013 Federal Poverty Level Based on Monthly Income by Family Size**

Minimum Fee	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60
Family Size	0-100%	101 - 133%	134 - 150%	151 - 200%
1	\$957.50	\$1,273.48	\$1,436.25	\$1,915.00
2	\$1,292.50	\$1,719.03	\$1,938.75	\$2,585.00
3	\$1,627.50	\$2,164.58	\$2,441.25	\$3,255.00
4	\$1,962.50	\$2,610.13	\$2,943.75	\$3,925.00
5	\$2,297.50	\$3,055.68	\$3,446.25	\$4,595.00
6	\$2,632.50	\$3,501.23	\$3,948.75	\$5,265.00
7	\$2,967.50	\$3,946.78	\$4,451.25	\$5,935.00
8	\$3,302.50	\$4,392.33	\$4,953.75	\$6,605.00
Each additional person +8	\$340.00	\$452.20	\$510.00	\$680.00

For persons above 200% of poverty, full charges will be assessed unless patients apply and qualify for other charity discounts.

**SAN JOAQUIN GENERAL HOSPITAL / SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CLINICS  
CLIENT ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE SLIDING FEE SCALE**

Do you have a Medi-Cal Benefits Identification Card (BIC)?  Yes  No

BIC Number:	Issue date:
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Do you currently receive Medi-Cal benefits or services?  Yes  No

Do you currently have other insurance?  Yes  No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

First name	Middle name	Last name	Date of Birth
County of residence	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Social Security number ____/____/____	
Race/ethnicity 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Asian 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Black 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Native American 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander 7. <input type="checkbox"/> White 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Primary Language 1. <input type="checkbox"/> English 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Cantonese 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Khmer/Cambodian 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Korean 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

Eligibility Determination: Please list all family members (self, spouse, and children) living in your household and supported by the family income. List the source of any earned or unearned income and the amount of income, including income from employment, self-employment, tips, commissions, pensions, social security, child and/or spousal support, ongoing insurance payments, disability, Veterans Affairs, unemployment benefits, etc.

Name	Relationship to you	Age	Source of Income	Gross Monthly Income (Before taxes or deductions)
	(Self)			
Family Size			Total family income	\$

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that the foregoing information on this form is true, correct, and complete. I have received information as to services qualifying for Sliding Fee Scale; and which services are not included.

Signature (or mark) of applicant	Date	Signature of witness to mark or interpreter	Date
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Provider Certification:  Eligible for Sliding scale fee schedule:

- a.  0-100%   b.  101-133%   c.  134-150%   d.  151-200  
 Not eligible

Printed Name	Signature	Date
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**SAN JOAQUIN GENERAL HOSPITAL / CLÍNICAS DEL CONDADO DEL SAN JOAQUÍN**  
**CERTIFICACIÓN DE LA ELEGIBILIDAD DEL CLIENTE - HONARIO ESCALA MOVIL**

¿Usted tiene una tarjeta de identificación de Medi-Cal?  Sí  No

Número del BIC: \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha de Préstamo: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Usted recibe actualmente ventajas o servicios de Medi-Cal?  Sí  No

¿Tiene usted otro seguro de salud en este momento?  Sí  No Si, especifique: \_\_\_\_\_

Primer Nombre	Segundo Nombre	Nombre Apellido	Fecha de Nacimiento
Condado residencial:		Género <input type="checkbox"/> Masculino <input type="checkbox"/> Femenino	Número de Seguro Social si lo tiene: ____/____/____
Raza/pertenencia étnica: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Asiático 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Negro 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanico 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Americano nativo 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Isleño pacífico 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Blanco 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Otro			
Idioma Principal: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Inglés 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Armenio 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Cantonés 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Khmer/Camboyanos 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Español 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Coreano 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalogo 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamita 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Otro			

Determinación de la elegibilidad: Enumere por favor a todos los miembros de la familia (uno mismo, esposo, y niños) viviendo en su casa y apoyados por los ingresos de la familia. Indique la fuente de los ingresos ganados o noganados y la cantidad de ingreso, incluyendo ingreso del empleo, trabajo por cuenta propia, las extremidades, las comisiones, las pensiones, Seguro Social, niño y/o ayuda de su conyuge, los pagos en curso del seguro, inhabilidad, los asuntos de los veteranos, los subsidios de desempleo, etc.

Nombre	Relación a usted	Edad	Fuente del los Ingresos	Ingreso mensual bruto (Antes de impuestos o de deducciones)
	(Ud. Mismo)			
Tamaño de la familia:			Ingreso total de la familia	\$

Declaro bajo pena del perjurio bajo leyes de California que la información precedente sobre esta forma está verdad, correcta, y completa. He recibido información sobre servicios que califican para el Honario Escala Movil; ¿y qué servicios no están incluidos.

Firma (o marca) del solicitante	Fecha	Firma del testigo a la marca o del intérprete	Fecha
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Provider Certification:  Eligible for Sliding scale fee schedule:

a.  0-100% b.  101-133% c.  134-150% d.  151-200%

Not eligible

Printed Name	Signature	Date
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20 June 2013

to whom concerned,

I hereby tender my resignation  
from the San Joaquin Clinics  
Board, effective immediately.

thank you

Regina O. McShahan