

INDIGENT / CHARITY CARE APPLICATION

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GEORGIA INDIGENT CARE APPLICATION

PATIENT NAME		HOSPITAL USE ONLY		
APPLICANT		ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT
ADDRESS				
CITY/STATE/ZIP				
PHONE NUMBER				

LIST MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD, RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT, AND INCOME IN THE CHART BELOW

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	INCOME	TOTAL INCOME

IF INCOME FOR ANY MEMBER IS FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT, YOU MAY GIVE INFORMATION ON BUSINESS COSTS SO THAT WE CAN DETERMINE ACTUAL INCOME TO BE COUNTED. WRITE DETAILS ON SEPARATE SHEET. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REPORT INCOME FOR A PERSON IN THE HOUSEHOLD WHO IS NOT LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL BILLS AND IS NOT COUNTED IN THE FAMILY SIZE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAVE A BROTHER OR A SISTER WHO LIVES WITH YOU AND THEY ARE NOT YOUR LEGAL GUARDIAN THAT PERSON IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING YOUR MEDICAL BILLS AND WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE COUNTED OR HAVE INCOME REPORTED.

Signature of Patient/Guardian

Date and Time



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INDIGENT CARE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

****WITHOUT THE BELOW INFORMATION , YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE AND CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE PROCESSED****

- YOU MUST COMPLETE INDIGENT CARE APPLICATION, SIGN AND DATE.

- YOU MUST FIRST APPLY FOR HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV AND HAVE PROOF OF EXEMPTION.

- YOU MUST FIRST APPLY FOR ANY MEDICAID PROGRAMS AND HAVE PROOF OF INELIGIBILITY.

- PROOF OF INCOME TO INCLUDE:
__ Food Stamp Financial __ Tax Return __ Bank Statement / Consecutive Pay Stubs
__ Social Security, SSI, or Other Agency or Person(s) __ hardship no income statement

- PROOF OF RESIDENCY ATTACHED (DRIVERS LICENSE, COPY OF CURRENT UTILITY BILL, OR TAX RETURN)

- PHOTO IDENTIFICATION (DRIVER'S LICENSE, STATE OR MILITARY ISSUED ID, OR EMPLOYEE OR STUDENT ID)

Patient Name: _____

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: _____ Marital Status: _____

US Citizen: Yes _____ No _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse SSN: _____

Dependent Children: (Names and Ages)

With whom do the children live? What relationship is that person to the children?

List any other household member and their relationship to the children?

Income/How Often Paid? Employed Yes _____ No _____

1. Employer's name & address _____
2. Your Income \$ _____ Weekly _____ Bi-weekly _____ Monthly _____
3. Spouse Income \$ _____
4. Other Income \$ _____ Weekly _____ Bi-weekly _____ Monthly _____
5. Retirement \$ _____
6. TANF \$ _____
7. Food Stamp \$ _____
8. Housing Asst \$ _____
9. Utility Asst \$ _____
10. Child Support \$ _____ Weekly _____ Bi-weekly _____ Monthly _____

Expenses (Monthly)

- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| 1. Rent/Mortgages | \$ _____ | 6. Telephone | \$ _____ |
| 2. Car Payment | \$ _____ | 7. Cable TV | \$ _____ |
| 3. Electric | \$ _____ | 8. Medications | \$ _____ |
| 4. Gas | \$ _____ | 9. Insurance | \$ _____ |
| 5. Water | \$ _____ | 10. Other | \$ _____ |

INDIGENT CARE FORM---REPORTING NO INCOME

If you are reporting no income, please describe how your living needs are met below and sign

Signature of Applicant

Date and Time

Bleckley Memorial Hospital offers Indigent Care to patients with no medical coverage who are residents of Georgia: (please check patient's county of residency) and meet criteria based on family-size and income.

Pulaski Wilcox Bleckley Twiggs Other

Proof of **ALL** income that is received within the household must be submitted with the Indigent/Charity Care application. If no income is received, the patient will be referred to their local Division of Family and Children Services to apply for state or federal programs that assist low-income families and individuals. If the patient is eligible but refuses to apply for any state or federal assistance program; he/she will not be considered for the Indigent Care program.

Proof of residency with a photo ID must be submitted with Indigent/Charity Care application. A driver's license or state issued ID with your current address will sufficient for both proof of residency and the photo ID. If the Indigent Care applicant is a minor (child), the responsible party for the minor must provide the requested documents.

DECO: If the account balance reaches \$500.00, we will refer the account to DECO, an outside agency that will assist in filing for any medical aid that the patient may qualify for. The patient **MUST** comply with DECO efforts to assist with medical aid. If the account is denied & returned from DECO because the patient was uncooperative, Indigent Care funds will not be applied toward the account and the account will follow normal collection procedures.

Please do not submit an incomplete application or an application without the requested documents as an incomplete application cannot and will not be processed.

Once approved for Indigent Care, coverage is valid for 6 months from date of approval unless a change in family size or an increase/decrease in income is reported; at which time a new application must be submitted. A letter of approval or denial will be mailed to the patient within 10-15 business days of receipt of the completed application.

Do you (the patient) have medical insurance? (If yes, please provide proof within 72 hrs.). ___YES ___NO
Is this visit the result of a motor vehicle accident? (If yes, please provide proof within 72 hrs.). ___YES ___NO
Is this visit the result of an accident on or at your place of employment? ___YES ___NO
Is this visit the result of an accident in which an attorney may be obtained or a settlement may arise? ___YES ___NO

INDIGENT CARE DOES NOT COVER:

- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- PHYSICIAN VISITS / EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN / RADIOLOGIST
- EMERGENCY ROOM VISIT (non-emergent, nurse triage only)

By signing below:

- I certify that this form has been examined by me and that the information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide Bleckley Memorial Hospital (BMH) information needed to verify statements given in this application and hereby give permission for their agents to obtain such information on our behalf.
- I understand that BMH may require additional documentation in order to process my application. I understand that I must apply for any other benefits which might pay these accounts before indigent/charity care can be approved. If patient's account(s) meet requirements, account maybe forwarded to DECO. DECO representative may contact patient in order to check patient for GA Medicaid/Disability eligibility. It is a requirement to cooperate with DECO in order to be considered for Indigent Care Funding.
- I understand that the above write-off is for my benefit only and based solely on the disclosure in my application. No release or write-off is granted in connection with any third-party liability, whether the liability arises by contact or negligence. A hospital lien may have been filed naming me as the injured party. Any money recovered by BMH as results of a hospital lien will result in a reversal of the Indigent/ Charity Care approval may be reversed and legal action may be pursued.
- I understand that my application will be denied if it is incomplete or I fail to provide required documentation.

Signature of Patient/Guardian

Date and Time

This application is not a guarantee that your account will not follow our collection process. Your accounts will **NOT** be placed on hold pending Indigent/Charity consideration. You will receive an approval or denial letter within 10-15 business days upon completion of application review.

If you have any questions your application, please contact:

Heather Dykes

Indigent Care Coordinator

Bleckley Memorial Hospital

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