



### **Plain Language Summary Financial Assistance Policy**

Antelope Valley Medical Center (AVMC) provides financial assistance to patients that may not have sufficient financial resources to pay for services.

### **Financial Assistance Eligibility Requirements**

Financial assistance is available to uninsured or under-insured patients for emergency and medically necessary related care who meet eligibility and qualification requirements contained in our Patient Financial Assistance policy.

Eligibility for financial assistance may include family size and family income at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Levels (FPL), using a sliding scale.

For information on poverty guidelines, visit the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

Guidelines for determining eligibility for financial assistance shall be applied consistently. In determining a patient's eligibility for financial assistance, AVMC's financial counselors will assist the patient (including referral to outside resources) in determining if he/she is eligible for government sponsored programs, and to educate and assist them in understanding insurance coverages offered through the Covered California Health Insurance Exchange. You may also apply directly for these programs by accessing the below websites directly:

**Medi-Cal:** <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/pages/applyformedi-cal.aspx>

**Affordable Care Act:** [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov), to apply by phone call 1-800-318-2596

**Find AVMC's Financial Assistance policy:** [www.avmc.org/finforms](http://www.avmc.org/finforms)

### **Application Process**

Financial Assistance Applications may be requested:

1. In person at Patient Access Services, Main Admitting
2. By phone at (661) 949-5781
3. On our website: [www.avmc.org/finforms](http://www.avmc.org/finforms)
4. By mail to: Antelope Valley Medical Center

Attn: Business Office  
1600 West Avenue J  
Lancaster, CA 93534

The application specifies certain information that is required to be submitted with the application. This information may be independently verified by AVMC for completeness and accuracy. If you need assistance completing your application, please contact our Patient Financial Counselors at 661-949-5635.

There are organizations that will help patients understand the billing and payment process. For more information visit: <https://healthconsumer.org/>