

## **JENNIE M. MELHAM MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY SUMMARY**

It is the policy of Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center (the "Hospital") to provide financial assistance to qualifying patients with their outstanding bills for medically necessary and emergency care provided at the Hospital.

### **PATIENTS THAT QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

To receive financial assistance under the Financial Assistance Policy (the "Policy"), you must be financially indigent.

#### **Financially Indigent**

To be "financially indigent", you must be uninsured and have a household income equal to or less than 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines ("FPG"). However, even if your household income equals or is below the required FPG, you may not qualify as "financially indigent" if your net worth exceeds 300 percent of your total medical bills from the Hospital. Net worth is determined based on your assets, including any homes, land, or property, etc., net of any liabilities other than your Hospital bills. Financial assistance will be provided based on a sliding fee scale if you qualify as "financially indigent". The fee scale will compare household income to a percent of FPG, as set forth in the Policy.

"Uninsured": A patient who (i) has no health insurance coverage, no healthcare group sharing program or coverage under governmental health care programs, and (ii) is not eligible for any other third party payment such as worker's compensation or claims against others involving accidents.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

The Hospital encourages patients who may qualify to apply for financial assistance. Patients can apply for financial assistance by completing and submitting a financial assistance application to Patient Financial Services at Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center, 145 Memorial Drive, PO Box 250, Broken Bow, NE 68822, Attention: Patient Accounts.

A copy of the Policy and a financial assistance application may be obtained at no charge by going to the Hospital's website, [www.Melham.org](http://www.Melham.org), or by visiting the Hospital's Admissions Desk, the Emergency Room Desk or Patient Financial Services. The Policy and a financial assistance application may also be sent to you by mail free of charge by contacting Patient Financial Services at 308-872-4178 or emailing [Jessica.fangmeyer@melham.org](mailto:Jessica.fangmeyer@melham.org).

### **FURTHER INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE WITH APPLYING**

If you have questions about financial assistance or need assistance with applying for financial assistance, you may contact Patient Financial Services at 145 Memorial Drive, PO Box 250, Broken Bow, NE 68822 or call 308-872-4178.