

What is the Federal Guidance on Sliding Fee Discounts?

Sliding Fee Discounts (Section 330(k)(3)(G) of the PHS Act and 42 CFR Part 51c.303(f)) which states health centers are required to have:

- A system in place to determine eligibility for patient discounts adjusted on the basis of the patient's ability to pay.
- This system must provide a full discount to individuals and families with annual incomes at or below the poverty guidelines (only nominal fees may be charged) and,
- for those with incomes between 100 percent and 200 percent of poverty, fees must be charged in accordance with a sliding discount policy based on family size and income, and,
- No discounts may be provided to patients with incomes over 200 percent of the Federal poverty level.

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