

## ASK PEDIATRICS Payment Assistance Program

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 2021

All patients seeking healthcare services at ASK PEDIATRICS are assured that they will be served regardless of ability to pay. No one is refused service because of lack of financial means to pay.

**The ASK PEDIATRICS Payment Assistance Program** is designed to provide free or discounted care to those who have no means, or limited means, to pay for their medical services (uninsured or underinsured). ***No one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay; and there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available based on family size and income. Program eligibility is based upon on a family's ability to pay.*** We will not discriminate on the basis of an individual's race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The program utilizes annual [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) to determine eligibility and discounting levels.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Requests for discounted services via the **Payment Assistance Program** may be made by patients, family members, social services staff or others who are aware of existing financial hardship. The **Payment Assistance Program** will only be made available for office visits. Information and forms can be obtained from the Office Front Desk and the ASK Pediatric website.

### **Application Process:**

The patient/responsible party must complete the **Payment Assistance Program** application in its entirety. Staff will be available, as needed, to assist them with applications. By signing the **Payment Assistance Program** application, applicants are confirming their income to ASK PEDIATRICS as disclosed on the application form. Discounts will be based on verified income and family size only. (See **Application for details.**)

### **Discounts:**

Applicants with verified incomes at or below 100% of poverty will receive a full 100% discount for healthcare services. Applicants with incomes above 100% of poverty, but at or below 200% of poverty, will be charged a discounted fee according to the Program's sliding fee discount schedule. That schedule will be updated during the first quarter of every calendar year with the latest [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#).

The **ASK PEDIATRICS Payment Assistance Program** Application is available at

- The ASK Pediatrics Office Front Desk
- Our Website: [www.askpeds.com](http://www.askpeds.com)