



POLICY

Policy Number:	BAR-0001	Policy Name:	Charity Care
Department:	All Proliance Workforce Members		
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Purpose:

In an effort to provide care to the indigent population, Proliance Surgeons, Inc., P.S. allows a charity care discount of up to 100% off the total visit cost.

Policy:

The charity care discount of up to 100% will be extended to eligible patients upon notification from either the patient or the physician that the patient meets Proliance-identified criteria noted below.

Scope:

This policy applies to all Proliance workforce members.

Procedure:

In order to qualify for the charity care discount, patients must satisfy the following conditions:

1. If physician or clinic is an Apple/Medicaid, the patient's monthly income must be at, or below, 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (see table below); or

The 2018 Poverty Guidelines for the	
Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$24,280
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,320 for each additional person.	

2. If physician or clinic is not an Apple/Medicaid, and the patient presents with a valid, current Apple/Medicaid coupon:
 - a. The physician elects to see the patient;
 - b. The patient acknowledged financial responsibility.

Responsibility:

The physician or patient account representative shall determine the discount percentage or flat fee for the service based upon the patient's ability to pay. The discount percentage and the dollar amount shall be noted on the receipt. The discount shall be posted at the same time as the payment using a specific charity care discount code.

References:

1. United States Dept. of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, 2018