

# **Charity Care/Financial Assistance Application Form Instructions**

This is an application for financial assistance (also known as Community Care) at Reedsburg Area Medical Center

**Federal 501R regulations require all not for profit hospitals to provide financial assistance** to people and families who meet certain income requirements. You may qualify for free care or reduced-price care based on your family size and income, even if you have health insurance. <u>Community Care | Reedsburg Area Medical Center Health</u> (ramchealth.com)

<u>What does financial assistance cover?</u> The hospital financial assistance covers appropriate hospital and clinic-based services provided by RAMC, depending upon your eligibility. Financial assistance may not cover all health care costs, including services provided by other organizations.

<u>If you have questions or need help completing this application</u>: call 608-524-6487 and ask for the Financial Counselors. You may obtain help for any reason, including disability and language assistance.

### In order for your application to be processed, you must:

Provide us information about your family
Fill in the number of family members in your household (family includes people
related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together)
Provide us information about your family's gross monthly income (income before taxes and
deductions)
Provide documentation for family income
Attach additional information if needed
Sign and date the form

**Note:** You do not have to provide a Social Security number to apply for financial assistance. If you provide us with your Social Security number it will help speed up processing of your application. Social Security numbers are used to verify information provided to us. If you do not have a Social Security number, please mark "not applicable" or "NA."

Mail completed application with all documentation to:

Reedsburg Area Medical Center 2000 N. Dewey Ave. Reedsburg, WI 53959

Be sure to keep a copy for yourself.

**To submit your completed application in person**: drop off the completed application with all the documentation at the same address, at the main registration desk.

We will notify you of the final determination of eligibility and appeal rights, if applicable, within 15 business days of receiving a complete financial assistance application, including documentation of income.

By submitting a financial assistance application, you give your consent for us to make necessary inquiries to confirm financial obligations and information.

We want to help. Please submit your application promptly!

You may receive bills until we receive your information. Existing payment plans will remain in effect until eligibility determination has been completed



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Please fill out all information completely. If it does not apply, write "NA." Attach additional pages if needed.

#### SCREENING INFORMATION

Do you need an interpreter?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No If Yes, list preferred language:

Has the patient applied for Medicaid?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No May be required to apply before being considered for financial assistance

Does the patient receive state public services such as Food Share or basic welfare support services? 

Yes 
No

Is the patient currently homeless?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

Is the patient's medical care need related to a car accident or work injury? 

Yes 
No

### PLEASE NOTE

- We cannot guarantee that you will qualify for financial assistance, even if you apply.
- Once you send in your application, we may check all the information and may ask for additional information or proof of income.
- Within 15 Business days after we receive your completed application and documentation, we will notify you if you qualify for assistance.

Patient first name		PATIENT AND APPLICANT INFORMATION Patient middle name		Patient last name		
🗆 Male 🗆 Female		Birth Date		Patient Social Security N	lumber (optional*)	
Other (may specify	)			*optional, but needed for more generous assistance		
				above state law requirements		
Person Responsible for Payir	ng Bill	Relationship to Patie	nt Birth	Date	Social Security Number	(optional*)
					*optional, but needed for mo above state law requirements	
Mailing Address					Main contact number	. ,
					( ) ( )	
					Email Address:	
City	State	Zip	o Code			
Employment status of perso						
Employed (date of hire:			<b>ployed</b> (how	v long une	mployed:	)
□ Self-Employed □	Student	Disabled	🗆 Reti	red	□ Other (	)
		FAMILY INF				
List family members in your together.	household, in	cluding you. "Family" i	ncludes peo	ple relate	d by birth, marriage, or a	adoption who live
-	ZE				Attach addition	al page if needed
	Data of		If 18 years o	d or older:	If 18 years old or older:	Also applying for
Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to Patient	Employer(s)	name or	Total gross monthly	financial
	Birth		source of inc	ome	income (before taxes):	assistance?
						Yes / No
						Yes / No
						Yes / No
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### All adult family members' income must be disclosed. Sources of income include, for example:

- Wages - Unemployment - Self-employment - Worker's compensation - Disability - SSI - Child/spousal support - Work study programs (students) - Pension - Retirement account distributions - Other (*please explain\_\_\_\_\_*)

Yes / No



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## **INCOME INFORMATION**

**REMEMBER**: You must include proof of income with your application.

You must provide information on your family's income. Income verification is required to determine financial assistance. All family members 18 years old or older must disclose their income. If you cannot provide documentation, you may submit a written signed statement describing your income. Please provide proof for every identified source of income. The more documentation you provide, the more accurately we can calculate any potential discount. Examples of proof of income include:

# A "W-2" withholding statement; or

- Current pay stubs (3 most recent); or
- Last year's income tax return, including schedules if applicable; or
- Written, signed statements from employers or others; or
- Approval/denial of eligibility for Medicaid and/or state-funded medical assistance; or
- Approval/denial of eligibility for unemployment compensation.

If you have no proof of income or no income, please attach an additional page with an explanation.

EXPENSE INFORMATION						
	We use this information to get	t a more complete picture of your f	inancial situation.			
Monthly Household Expenses:						
Rent/mortgage	\$	Medical expenses	\$			
nsurance Premiums	\$	Utilities	\$			
Other Debt/Expenses	\$	(child support, loans, medications	, other)			

ASSET INFORMATION						
This information may be used if your income is above 101% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.						
Current checking account balance	Does your family have these other assets?					
\$	Please check all that apply					
Current savings account balance	□ Stocks □ Bonds □ 401K □ Health Savings Account(s) □ Trust(s)					
\$	Property (excluding primary residence) Own a business					

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please attach an additional page if there is other information about your current financial situation that you would like us to know, such as a financial hardship, excessive medical expenses, seasonal or temporary income, or personal loss.

## PATIENT AGREEMENT

I understand that Reedsburg Area Medical Center may verify information by reviewing credit information and obtaining information from other sources to assist in determining eligibility for financial assistance or payment plans.

I affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand if the financial information I give is determined to be false, the result may be denial of financial assistance, and I may be responsible for and expected to pay for services provided.

Signature of Person Applying