

# Sliding Fee Program

The Sliding Fee Program is a federal program that reduces fees charged to patients based on their income and family size. The purpose of this program is to provide patients with the opportunity to access primary health care. The eligibility requirements are based on the federal poverty guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, South Central Community Health Center must offer a Sliding Fee Discount Program and apply a Sliding Fee Schedule (SFS), so that the amount owed for services by our eligible patients are adjusted based on the patient's ability to pay. All Sliding Fee Discount Programs must include the following elements:

Applicable to all individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 200 percent of the most current Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG); Full discount for individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 100 percent of the FPG, or allowance for a nominal charge only, consistent with site's policy; and adjustment of fees (partial sliding fee discount) based on family size and income for individuals and families with incomes above 100 and at or below 200 percent of the FPG.

## HOW TO APPLY

Patients must complete and submit the sliding fee application, which can be obtained at the front desk

## DO YOU QUALIFY?

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,320 for each additional person.

<b>Persons in Family</b>	<b>Household Poverty Guideline</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$12,140</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,460</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$20,780</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$25,100</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$29,420</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$33,740</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$38,060</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$42,380</b>

## TO MAINTAIN SLIDING FEE STATUS:

Payment is expected in full when services are rendered.  
You must update all paperwork yearly