

HSS | Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) has a Financial Assistance Program that assists certain patients with limited or no insurance coverage and who meet certain requirements. The Policy covers only medically necessary services, including Hospital services and some services provided by certain physicians and other employees of the Hospital. The policy applies to services provided in NY, NJ, and Connecticut Locations. The Policy will be applied consistently regardless of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, ethnic origin or immigration status.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for Financial Assistance, individuals must meet both the Financial Criteria and Coverage Criteria.

In order to meet the Financial Criteria, your gross annual income must not exceed seven times the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. In order to meet the Coverage Criteria, you must be (i) an uninsured U.S. resident; (ii) an insured U.S. resident with coverage that covers services at **HSS** at least to some extent; or (iii) be referred through the Special Access Program.

Under the Special Access Program, insured U.S. residents in need of specialized care that is not reasonably available closer to their residence than **HSS** may be eligible. In addition, (i) insured U.S. residents and (ii) uninsured non-residents, in each case who are referred by an **HSS** Physician Hospital Organization (PHO) physician and meet other requirements contained in the full Policy, may be eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

Anyone requesting Financial Assistance must complete an application. The applicant should provide documentation that supports their family’s current level of income, available assets, and demographic information. Documents that prove the current level of income can include pay stubs or Social Security or disability statements. If you cannot provide such items, you may still apply. All applications, supporting documentation, and communication will be treated confidentially.

HSS uses poverty guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to determine a patient's eligibility for financial assistance. The amount of the discount varies based on your income and the size of your family. The income limits based on seven times the 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines (the “FPL”) are below.

Family size	Annual Family Income	Monthly Family Income	Weekly Family Income
1	Up to \$95,130	Up to \$7,928	Up to \$1,829
2	Up to \$128,170	Up to \$10,681	Up to \$2,465
3	Up to \$161,210	Up to \$13,434	Up to \$3,100
4	Up to \$194,250	Up to \$16,188	Up to \$3,736
5	Up to \$227,290	Up to \$18,941	Up to \$4,371
6	Up to \$260,330	Up to \$21,694	Up to \$5,006
7	Up to \$293,370	Up to \$24,448	Up to \$5,642
8	Up to \$326,410	Up to \$27,201	Up to \$6,277

The applicant will be notified in writing of the determination within 30 calendar days of receipt of a complete application. You may disregard any bills while your application for a discount is being considered.

You may appeal our initial Financial Assistance determination – the full policy provides a description of our appeals process.

AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

If your income is at or below 500% of the FPL and you are uninsured, care will be provided without charge. (If you are insured, your patient responsibility will be reduced to zero.)

For an individual whose income is between 501% and 700% of the FPL, **HSS** shall provide a 50% discount.

The discount will be applied to the patient's obligation, which, for uninsured patients, is based on the amount that Medicaid would pay for the service. For insured patients, the discount is applied to the deductible and copayment obligation. In no event will a patient who qualifies for Financial Assistance have out-of-pocket expense for the applicable care that exceeds the amount that the Hospital would generally bill based on Medicaid rates.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

A copy of the Financial Assistance Policy and an application is available at www.hss.edu/financial-assistance. You may request a copy of the Financial Assistance Policy and an application by email, phone, fax, or in person from:

HSS | Hospital for Special Surgery

Financial Assistance Program

535 East 70th Street

New York, NY 10021

Phone: 212.606.1505

Fax: 212.774.2811

The requested materials will be mailed without charge.

For more information about the Financial Assistance Program, or for assistance with the application process, you may speak with a Financial Assistance Associate who can be reached at the contact address, phone number, or location immediately above. Foreign language translation can be provided if requested. Completed applications should be submitted to the Financial Assistance Program at the above address.

The Financial Assistance Policy, application, and this Summary are also available in various foreign languages. Translators can be provided if requested.

Individuals who feel that the Policy has not been applied in accordance with its terms should seek assistance from the **HSS** Department of Corporate Compliance and Internal Audit. Complaints should be directed to the **HSS** Corporate Compliance Officer at 212.774.2398 or the confidential Compliance Helpline at 888.651.6234.

If you have a complaint, you may also call the New York State Department of Health at 1.800.804.5447.