

## Important Updates to the Sliding Fee Discount Program

Dear Valued Patients,

We are writing to inform you about some important changes to our sliding fee discount program effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH) is dedicated to supporting our community in achieving optimal health and wellness while striving to keep our services as affordable as possible. These changes were carefully reviewed by our Executive Team and Board of Directors, with consideration for the financial needs of our community. **Please schedule an appointment with member services if you have any questions regarding these changes.**

### Why was the Sliding Fee Discount Program Changed?

To ensure that all households participating in the program are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

### Key Changes to the Program

- Policy Changes:
  - Added language to the policy and application allowing us to request updated income documentation at any time that CVCH identifies changes in or misrepresentation of income, household size, or tax filing status of a household. If updated information disqualifies the household from the program or if updated information is not provided upon the request, then the sliding fee discount will be terminated.
  - Updated the definitions of family size and income to better align with the IRS's definitions.
    - Updated the definition of income to include all taxable gross income and worker's compensation income.
    - Updated the definition of family size to reflect all individuals who can be claimed on your tax return.
- Income Documentation:
  - All patients will now be required to bring in their most recent tax returns unless they do not file taxes or are unhoused. Both exemptions from providing tax returns require patients to complete an additional form detailing their income sources and provide two corresponding forms of income verification for the most recent 6 months.
    - Exemption 1: Patients who are **not required to file taxes** can verify non-filing status with a tax transcript from the IRS. Register on the IRS website or submit Form 4506-T to retrieve your tax transcript.
    - Exemption 2: Patients who **do not file taxes** may be allowed to submit other forms of income verification if they have a qualifying circumstance. Please reach out to member services for more information.
- Application Changes:
  - The application was updated to include more detailed information from every member of the household.
- Changes to Fees:
  - Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the dental and dental tier 2 nominal fees will increase from \$40 to \$65 and from \$250 to \$300 respectively. Dental services and medical tier 2 services will move to a percentage discount of 75%, 50%, and 25% for slides B, C, and D respectively.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our member services department. They are here to help you navigate these changes and ensure you receive the care you need. Call: (509) 662-6000 Ext: 1239 or email [enrollment@cvch.org](mailto:enrollment@cvch.org).

We remain committed to offering high quality care at affordable costs and appreciate your understanding as we navigate this changing environment. **CVCH will not deny any patient access to healthcare based on an inability to pay.** We appreciate your continued partnership and trust.

Sliding Fee Scale 2025					
Percent of Fed Poverty Guideline	<101%	101-133%	134-167%	168-200%	>200%
Program or Service	A	B	C	D	
Medical*	\$40	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% slide	not applicable
Medical Tier 2	\$150	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% Slide	not applicable
Dental*	\$65	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% Slide	not applicable
Dental Tier 2**	\$300	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% Slide	not applicable
Behavioral	\$15	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% Slide	not applicable
SUD	\$15	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% Slide	not applicable
Diabetes and Nutrition	\$15	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% Slide	not applicable
Outreach	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	not applicable
Laboratory	100% Slide	75% Slide	50% Slide	25% Slide	not applicable
Contraceptive Devices***	Acquisition + \$25	Acquisition + \$50	Acquisition + \$75	Acquisition + \$100	not applicable
Vaccines Tier 3	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	not applicable
Pharmacy < 30-day supply***	Acquisition + \$5	Acquisition + \$6	Acquisition + \$7	Acquisition + \$8	not applicable
Pharmacy >30-day supply***	Acquisition + \$10	Acquisition + \$12	Acquisition + \$14	Acquisition + \$16	not applicable

Any sliding fee scale within tier B, C, or D will be at least the nominal charge listed in slide A plus a dollar.

If you have questions regarding these slides or the cost of services, please speak with any Member Services Representative for further information.

\* Sliding Fee charges will not exceed the billed charge. Certain services may include an additional lab fee.

\*\* Dental procedures may include a lab fee in addition to fee shown in the schedule above. You will be provided a cost estimate prior to scheduling these appointments.

\*\*\* Services where the purchasing cost of a prescription, equipment or item plus a flat fee will be charged.

Percent of Poverty (2025)	Slide A < 101%	Slide B 101 - 133%	Slide C 134 - 167%	Slide D 168 - 200%	Not Applicable >200%
Family Size	Family Income Per Month				
1	0 to 1,304	1,305 to 1,735	1,736 to 2,178	2,179 to 2,608	>2,608
2	0 to 1,763	1,764 to 2,344	2,345 to 2,943	2,944 to 3,525	>3,525
3	0 to 2,221	2,222 to 2,954	2,955 to 3,709	3,710 to 4,442	>4,442
4	0 to 2,679	2,680 to 3,563	3,564 to 4,474	4,475 to 5,358	>5,358
5	0 to 3,138	3,139 to 4,173	4,174 to 5,240	5,241 to 6,275	>6,275
6	0 to 3,596	3,597 to 4,782	4,783 to 6,005	6,006 to 7,192	>7,192
7	0 to 4,054	4,055 to 5,392	5,393 to 6,770	6,771 to 8,108	>8,108
8	0 to 4,513	4,514 to 6,002	6,003 to 7,536	7,537 to 9,025	>9,025
9	0 to 4,971	4,972 to 6,611	6,612 to 8,301	8,302 to 9,942	>9,942
10	0 to 5,429	5,430 to 7,221	7,222 to 9,067	9,068 to 10,858	>10,858
11	0 to 5,888	5,889 to 7,830	7,831 to 9,832	9,833 to 11,775	>11,775
12	0 to 6,346	6,347 to 8,440	8,441 to 10,598	10,599 to 12,692	>12,692