



Hospital Care Assurance Program in Ohio

Hospitals in Ohio that receive payments through the Hospital Care Assurance Program (the Ohio Disproportionate Share Hospital program) are required to provide basic medically necessary hospital services to an individual who is a resident of Ohio, not a Medicaid recipient and whose income is below the federal poverty guideline.

Signage

Hospitals that receive payments through the Hospital Care Assurance Program (HCAP) must post notices that specify the rights of an individual to receive free basic medically necessary hospital services. In addition:

- ◆ The wording of the posted notice must be clear and in simple terms
- ◆ The posted notice must be printed in English and other major languages that are common to the population of the areas serviced.
- ◆ The posted notice must be clearly readable at a distance of twenty feet or the expected vantage point of patrons.
- ◆ The facility must make reasonable efforts to communicate the contents of the posted notice to those with limited language ability.

Notification

Hospitals must notify individuals in the first and second bills that there is free care available. The hospital is also required to explain eligibility for free care, specify the federal poverty guidelines and explain the hospital billing procedure.

(Sources: UHCAN Ohio and Ohio Administrative Code)