

CHAPA-DE INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAM, INC.

SLIDING SCALE

What is Sliding Scale?

Sliding Scale is a discount fee scale for Non-Indian patients, and it is based on Federal Poverty Guidelines. It is for people of low income who have absolutely no other insurance. Chapa-De has 50% or 75% Sliding Scale; this is the portion of the charges which the patient must pay. It is important to know that Sliding Scale must be re-applied for every year with current IRS income tax information.

Which services can I use Sliding Scale for?

If approved, it can be used for medical or dental services. It may **not** be used for certain items which may include, but are not limited to: special supplies, outside lab fees, medical supplies/devices, injections/vaccines, glasses, pharmacy, chiropractic, acupuncture, and massage services.

If approved for Sliding Scale, how long is it good for?

It is good from the date you are approved to April 30th of the given year (or, until August 31st for people who are of Non-Filing Status).

What are my responsibilities for paying my bill?

To receive the scale discount, payment must be made the date the services are received (we do not bill Sliding Scale). Therefore, before receiving services you should know if your Sliding Scale is effective or not. If you accept services but have failed to keep current, then you will be billed 100% of the charges.

What if I have other health insurance?

If you have other medical or dental insurance, such as private insurance, then you are **not** eligible for Sliding Scale.

What if I am on Medi-Cal?

You may apply for the discount for Medi-Cal non-covered services only. This should be done in advance of treatment, with pre-payments made before procedures are started and completed.

What if I am on Medicare?

You may apply for Sliding Scale for dental services only (as long as you do not have other dental insurance).

What if I do not have to pay taxes each year (Non-Filing Status)?

Obtain a letter of non-filing status from the IRS. In this type of situation, your scale would be effective until August 31st.

What would happen if I forgot to keep my Sliding Scale current?

You would have the option to keep your appointment, and pay 100%. Or, you could reschedule your appointment long enough to obtain a new IRS transcript and reapply for Sliding Scale. It cannot be applied retroactively.

How do I get my IRS Tax Return Transcript Letter?

There are three options:

1. Call the IRS at 1-800-908-9946 and request a transcript letter be sent to you.
2. Request & print a copy of your transcript online at www.irs.gov.
3. Complete and mail a 4506-T form to the IRS.

What do I do after I receive my IRS Tax Return Transcript Letter?

Bring your transcript or letter of non-filing to the Department at the clinic where you wish to be seen prior to the date of your appointment. You do not have to have a scheduled appointment however to apply.

Why is it important to submit my application prior to my appointment date?

Early submission is necessary in case there are any problems or questions with your application. Sometimes it is necessary to reorder the IRS Transcript Letter if what you have submitted is not from the current tax year, or if it does not show your Adjusted Gross Income.

Who can I call if I have questions?

Please contact the Department at the clinic you wish to be seen at. We are here to help you and will be glad to assist in any way that we can.

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