

Plain Language Summary of Financial Assistance Policy

The Ruby Valley Medical Center offers financial assistance for emergency treatment and medically necessary healthcare services to all who qualify.

Our hospital's Business Office can assist patients in exploring all options for financial assistance. We encourage all interested patients to apply for assistance. Determination is based on income and household size guidelines, relative to the Federal Poverty Level. This assures our ability to designate these resources to patients who will benefit most and address the greater needs within the community. Patients are expected to cooperate with the Ruby Valley Medical Center's procedures for obtaining financial assistance and to contribute to the cost of care based on the individual or family's ability to pay.

Obtaining & Submitting an application

Patients may obtain copies of the financial assistance policy and financial assistance application on our website www.rvmc.org, via mail, by calling (406) 842-5453 or (406) 684-5546, or in person at the registration desk at 321 Madison Street, Sheridan, Montana or 207 N Main Street, Twin Bridges, Montana. There is a separate application for the Rural Health Clinic's Sliding Scale Program. Both Financial Assistance and Sliding Scale applications can be found on our website or upon request at the registration desks.

The application and copies of the requested items must be returned to the Business Office within 14 days of receipt. The documents can be submitted personally to 321 Madison Street, Sheridan or by mail to Ruby Valley Medical Center, Business Office, P.O. Box 336, Sheridan, MT 59749.

Eligibility

If you feel that you may need assistance to fulfill your financial obligation to the medical center, please review the Financial Assistance Policy and complete the Financial Assistance application. If your household earns less than 200% of the published federal poverty level, you are eligible to apply for assistance. The Business Office staff can assist you with the completion of the application. Federal Poverty Guidelines can be found at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>.

Verification of Income

For income verification purposes, the following documentation will be needed:

- A copy of your filed income tax return and W2s for the past year.
- Current year-to-date pay records or written verification of wages from your employer.
- Social Security income.
- Child support for the previous year and current year-to-date payments.
- Bank statements for the last 3 months (savings, checking, brokerage, etc.).

- If applicable, unemployment or workers compensation benefits.
- If applicable, public assistance eligibility or denial.

Qualification

Applicants will be notified in writing if they are eligible and what percentage of their account will be credited. Individuals eligible for financial assistance will not be charged more than the amounts generally billed for emergency or other medically-necessary care. Applicants are eligible to reapply at any time for financial assistance if their financial situation changes.

Failure to satisfy the requirements can result in your application being void. If you have any questions regarding the Financial Assistance Program, please contact the Business Office at (406) 842-5453.

Providers

The following providers providing services at Ruby Valley Medical Center participate in the financial assistance program:

Provider	Credentials
Bartoletti, Louis	MD
Bartoletti, Jade	DNP
Braaksma, Amy	DNP
Buck, Nikki	FNP
Christensen, Paula	FNP
Dewey, Kelly	DO
Hartsfield, Chris	FNP
Kerins, Alec	MD
Meyer, Katherine	DC
Svingen, Jessica	DO
Tetrault, Katherine	PA-C
Thergesen, Dayna	PNP
Weitzel, Judy	MHPNP
Voegeli, Cynthia	NP
Church, Elizabeth	NP
Rigdon, Scott	CRNA
Albrecht, Carlos	MD
Harrell, Taylor	CRNA
Perry, Stephen	CRNA
Simmons, Jessica	CRNA
D'Amour, Carla	CRNA
Wittekind, Samuel	MD
Weindling, Steven	MD