

Sliding Fee Discount Program

Patient Information Handout (COMAR-Compliant – 2026)

Our Commitment to Affordable Care

Tuerk House, Inc. is committed to providing access to healthcare services regardless of a patient's ability to pay. In accordance with Maryland law, eligible patients may receive care at a reduced cost through our Sliding Fee Discount Program (SFDP).

What Is the Sliding Fee Discount Program?

The Sliding Fee Discount Program helps reduce the cost of healthcare services for patients based on household size and gross household income, using current Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Eligible patients are charged a discounted fee according to an established schedule. Participation in this program does not affect the quality of care you receive.

Who Can Apply?

Any patient may apply for the Sliding Fee Discount Program. Eligibility is determined solely **by income and household size, not by insurance status, race, gender, or ability to pay.** Patients will not be denied medical services due to inability to pay.

What Proof of Income Is Required?

Patients must provide proof of income for all household members. Acceptable documents include:

- Recent pay stubs
- Tax returns or IRS Form 1099 (self-employed)
- Social Security, SSI, SSDI, unemployment, or disability award letters
- Pension or retirement benefit statements
- Child support or alimony documentation
- Bank statements showing direct deposit income
- Written verification of financial or in-kind support, if applicable

Income documentation must be submitted within five (5) business days of signing the Sliding Fee Discount Attestation Form.

What Happens If Income Proof Is Not Submitted?

If income verification is not received within 5 business days, patients will be responsible for the full standard charge for services received.

Discounts cannot be guaranteed without timely documentation.

How Long Is the Discount Valid?

Discount eligibility is based on the type of income documentation provided:

- **Annual review:** Pay stubs, 1099 forms, SSI/SSDI, pension or retirement income
- **Six-month review:** Unemployment benefits or Social Security income verification
- **Temporary self-attestation:** Valid for 5 business days only

Patients must report changes in income or household size.

Services Covered Under the Program

If approved, discounts may apply to services such as:

Office visits (new and established patients)

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services

Behavioral health counseling (individual, group, family)

Psychiatric evaluations

Physical exams and preventive services

In-house clinical procedures and testing

Detox and residential treatment services (when applicable)

Coverage applies only to services provided directly by our organization.

Services Not Covered

The Sliding Fee Discount Program does not apply to:

Laboratory tests sent to outside facilities

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Prescription medications

Pharmacy or prescription assistance programs



Services provided by third-party vendors

Patients remain responsible for these charges unless they are covered by insurance or another payer source.

Patient Rights

You have the right to:

Clear information about fees and discounts

Confidential handling of financial information

Equal access to care regardless of ability to pay

Ask questions or request assistance with the application process

All financial determinations are made in compliance with Maryland regulations.

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