



CHARITY CARE POLICY

Purpose:

In an effort to provide care to the indigent population, The Retina Surgery Center, LLC allows a charity care discount of up to 100% off the total visit cost.

Policy:

The charity care discount of up to 100% will be extended to eligible patients upon notification and application (application form provided by The Retina Surgery Center) from either the patient (or the physician) that the patient meets The Retina Surgery Center identified criteria noted below. A patient's application for charity care will be reviewed by The Retina Surgery Center's Charity Care Committee and the patient shall be notified in writing of the committee's decision and award of funds.

Scope:

This policy applies to all The Retina Surgery Center, LLC workforce members.

Procedure:

In order to qualify for the charity care discount, patients must satisfy the following conditions:

1. If physician or clinic is an Apple/Medicaid provider, the patient's monthly income must be at, or below, 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (see table below); or

The 2021 Poverty Guidelines

Persons in family	150% Poverty guideline
1	20,385
2	27,465
3	34,545
4	41,625
5	48,705
6	55,785
7	62,865
8	69,945

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,720 for each additional person.

2. When physician or clinic is not an Apple/Medicaid provider, and the patient presents with a valid, current Apple/Medicaid coupon:
 - a. The physician elects to see the patient;
 - b. The patient acknowledged financial responsibility.

Responsibility:

The Retina Surgery Center's Charity Care Committee shall determine the discount percentage or flat fee for the service based upon the patient's ability to pay. The discount percentage and the dollar amount shall be noted on the patient's receipt of payment. The discount shall be posted at the same time as the payment using a specific charity care discount code.