

Central Vermont Medical Center

Q&A: New CMS posting guidelines for January 1, 2019

What is new?

Beginning January 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that all hospitals make available a list of their current standard charges via the Internet in a machine readable format, and update this information at least annually.

Central Vermont Medical Center is pleased to provide this information to our patients, as we recognize that making good health care decisions requires having all of the facts and understanding your options.

What has been posted and what does it mean?

To comply with the new federal regulation, the Central Vermont Medical Center has posted a spreadsheet that contains our hospital standard charges as of January 1, 2019. In addition to the required list, we have also chosen to provide our physician standard charges.

How should patients use this information?

While Central Vermont Medical Center is pleased to offer this information to patients, it is important to note that the actual amount any individual patient is asked to pay varies based on factors, and does not usually reflect the exact amounts in these spreadsheets. Factors include an individual's medical insurance plan and the organization's contracts with insurance companies. Uninsured or international patients are eligible for discounts.

Financial counselors are available to assist all patients early in the process to identify eligibility for additional financial assistance and to estimate out of pocket expenses.

If you have any questions please contact a Financial Counselor call 802-371-4398 or email FinancialCounseling@cvmc.org.

What kind of assistance does Central Vermont Medical Center offer to patients?

No one should delay or forgo care out of financial concern. As a non-profit, safety-net hospital with a mission to provide needed care regardless of someone's ability to pay, Central Vermont Medical Center offers a number of financial assistance programs. These include:

- Discounted and free care for persons who have essential healthcare needs that are medically necessary and are uninsured, underinsured, ineligible for a government program or otherwise unable to pay.
- Discounted prescription medication benefits for patients with a CVMC MGP primary care provider.

To learn more about our Financial Assistance Program, call 802-371-4398, or:

Email: FinancialCounseling@cvmc.org

Visit: <https://www.cvmc.org/our-patients/patient-financial-services/financial-assistance>

How much financial assistance does Central Vermont Medical Center provide?

Community benefits provided by Central Vermont Medical Center in fiscal year 2017 totaled approximately \$34 million, or 17.5% of net revenues, which includes free care, grants to community health organizations, and absorbing underpayments in Medicaid and other programs.

Where can patients go to learn more?

Central Vermont Medical Center believes it is important to ensure that patients are aware of various options for receiving financial assistance to pay for medical care.

Patients can visit this area of our website to learn more:

<https://www.cvmc.org/our-patients/patient-financial-services>



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