

Rimrock Sliding Fee Scale

Rimrock's sliding fee scale is available to all clients who qualify based on their income levels even if they have insurance. Fees, co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles are eligible for a sliding fee discount. The scale is based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines of the most recent year. The scale provides a discount to individuals and families with an annual income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

This nominal charge is a fixed fee and does not reflect the true value of the service(s) provided and is considered nominal from the perspective of the client.

Alternative Sources

Rimrock is committed to helping clients seek healthcare coverage and will assist clients with the application or re-activation of other payment sources. During the initial request period, the client and Rimrock will pursue other sources of funding, including Medicaid. The responsible party will be required to provide written verification of the ineligibility for all other sources of funding. All third-party payers must first be exhausted prior to the application of sliding fee scale to services.

Eligible Services

Rimrock's sliding fee scale entails all services covered under the CCHBC program. It does not apply to any Inpatient or Residential programs.

Applying for Sliding Fees

To apply for the sliding fee, the client must complete the Sliding Fee Scale Eligibility Determination form containing proof of their household income and family size.

Examples of acceptable documentation of income includes:

- One month of pay stubs for all employed adults
- Unemployment check stubs
- Social Security statement
- Most recent year's Federal Income Tax Return

If the client does not have any type of income, the person who is providing support for the applicant client must complete the Patient Income Attestation form. It must provide details on the type of support provided and the cost of support. Examples of support include: housing, food, transportation, childcare, and phone.

Each sliding fee scale applicant who has been initially determined eligible for discount shall be given 14 calendar days, or such time as may be reasonably necessary, to secure and present documentation in support of his or her application prior to receiving a final determination.

Rimrock will notify the applicant of its final determination within 7 days of receipt of all application and documentation material.

The applicant may appeal the determination of eligibility for discounted care by providing additional verification of income or family size to Rimrock within 30 days of notification.

When the application for discounted care is denied, the patient will receive written notice of denial of the discount, which includes:

- Reason or reasons for denial
- Date of the decision
- Instructions for appeal or reconsideration

When the applicant does not provide requested information and there is not enough available to determine eligibility, the discount denial notice will include a description of the information that was requested and not provided and the date the information was requested.

Reporting Changes

Changes in income or the size of your household may affect your sliding fee discount and must be reported as they occur. You may be required to repay any discount you received that you were not entitled to receive. Intentionally misrepresenting your income or other information to apply for the sliding fee scale is a crime and may be prosecuted.

Associated Charges

In addition to Rimrock charges, clients may receive bills for other medical services for the visit. These other charges might include bills from lab or pharmacy from a 3rd party provider. If the 3rd party provider bills directly to the client, the sliding fee scale determination from Rimrock does not apply and the client will need to contact the 3rd party provider to apply for financial assistance.

Refusal to Pay

In instances when clients refuse to pay the amount they owe based on Sliding Fee Scale and signed agreement, Rimrock's collection process will not vary from standard process for clients in terms of grace period, meeting with business office staff, and correspondence with clients regarding status.

Documentation and Records

All information relating to the application will be kept confidential, in compliance with CARF requirements. Copies of documents that support the application will be kept with the application form.

Income Category	A	B	C
Percent of Poverty Level	<=133%	134-166%	167-200%
1	\$ 21,227	\$ 26,494	\$ 31,920
2	\$ 28,781	\$ 35,922	\$ 43,280
3	\$ 36,336	\$ 45,351	\$ 54,640
4	\$ 43,890	\$ 54,780	\$ 66,000
5	\$ 51,444	\$ 64,209	\$ 77,360
6	\$ 58,999	\$ 73,638	\$ 88,720
7	\$ 66,553	\$ 83,066	\$ 100,080
8	\$ 74,108	\$ 92,495	\$ 111,440
<i>Add \$5,680 for each additional family member:</i>			
Cost per day of service:	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 50