

## **DISCOUNT FEE POLICY**

La Pine Community Clinic is committed to serving the community and providing quality healthcare to our patients. To that end we have developed this policy in order to serve those who are financially not able to provide for themselves.

It is our policy that at LaPine Community Clinic we review those accounts meeting certain criteria, i.e. medical necessity, exhausting all other resources prior to granting a charity allowance. The purpose of this policy is to distinguish between patients who refuse to honor their debts and uncollectible expenses and those indigent patients who do not have the financial means to pay.

The ability to pay will be judged by applying the Discount Fee Schedule utilizing the Federal Poverty Income guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Patients who fall within guidelines will be assigned the appropriate level of discount fee adjustment. The discount fee adjustment will not be in addition to any other discounts or fee adjustments

Discount Fee information and applications will be furnished upon request. Applications and proof of income must be returned within 10 days of application date. All applications will be considered and retroactive decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.