

New Hospital Payment Assistance Program in Colorado!

Are you uninsured? Are you worried about the cost of going to the hospital? You may be able to get some help.

Ask your hospital about the *Hospital Payment Assistance Program!* As of August 8th, 2012, under a new Colorado law, your local hospital is required to offer you information about its charity care and hospital discount programs.

When you go to the hospital, the hospital should:

- Provide information about discount and charity care programs online, in bills, and in the hospital;
- Screen you for their discount programs, including the new Hospital Payment Assistance Program.
 - Under the new law hospitals are required to limit charges for qualified patients (uninsured Coloradans making under \$27,925 for an individual \$57,625 for a family of 4) to the same amount they charge an insurer for another patient.
- ✓ Take certain steps BEFORE sending you to collections including:
 - Wait thirty days after your first late payment, and offer you a reasonable payment plan.

If the hospital doesn't offer you this information, BE SURE TO ASK!

For more information call the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative at 303-839-1261 or email inform@cohealthinitiative.org







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