

Tavares Pediatrics Guidelines for determining eligibility for sliding scale

Eligibility is based on family size and household income according to the most recent US Department of Health & Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines 2015.

This service will be available only if there is no medical insurance.

Sliding scale services are available for all individuals and families according to the federal poverty guidelines published annually.

The sliding scale fee will not be waived at any time for any person under any circumstance.

The sliding scale fee amount due is for an office visit only. Other services provided, and or visit type/code will also be done at a discounted rate. Inability to pay will not prevent the patient from receiving the additional services.

Other types of services/ additional charges include:

- Immunizations \$10 each per the state
- Urinalysis
- EKG
- Blood work/ Rapid Strep/ Flu. Any kind of workup
- Nebulizer treatments

Guidelines for sliding scale fee:

- Income of parents and children under 18
- Income will be verified semi-annually
- Anyone requesting a discount will be verified, and will be applied in a non-discriminatory manner
- Only the office manager or the Dr. may approve discounted fees
- At each visit the staff will ask if anything has changed
- Change in income will cause re-evaluation
- Persons with approved discounts will have an alert in their chart
- No patient will be denied services due to inability to pay
- Every patient's privacy is protected
- Patients at or below poverty level are charged a nominal fee or no charge at all
- This does not apply to copayments or deductibles, Medicaid share of cost, Suboxone program, or the weight loss program.
- Same day visits will require payment up front if not approved already. There will be no retroactive effective date

Must have the following information with you at time of appointment:

- Proof of identification (such as driver license, state ID card, passport, or bank card with photograph.)
- Proof of current address (such as drivers license, state ID card, pay check stub, phone bill, electric bill, or lease)
- Most recent federal tax form (1040 form)
- The last 2 current paystubs (If no pay stub you may bring the following: unemployment stubs, or letter from the company on company letter head, or a notarized letter from current employer)
- Awards or benefit letter for food stamps, Social Security Income (disability), workers comp, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Free or Reduced lunch program, or any other public assistance.