## Children's Dental Health Services

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## **Sliding Fee Scale Policy**

- 1. The Sliding Fee Scale is a discount program for self-pay patients based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines for family income and size. By following established income guidelines, patients are treated in a fair and consistent manner. All patients must have a fee scale consultation prior to their first self-pay visit.
- 2. Before a patient may apply for sliding scale, he/she must first apply for Medical Assistance. The patient will be refunded fees paid if he/she is subsequently enrolled in one of the state's public programs and the claim is paid retroactively by the state.
- 3. If a patient's Medical Assistance application is rejected (or being processed), then the patient may fill out an application for sliding scale to initiate treatment. The patient must also supply 2 forms of proof of income, in any combination, the following documentation verifying identity and income. This includes:
  - o Pay stubs (most recent two periods) from everyone in household who works
  - o Federal tax returns for the prior year
  - Alternate financial documentation (e.g. Social Security Explanation of Benefits, Unemployment Benefits, etc.) if the patient doesn't receive a paycheck.
  - A signed letter from the patient stating that he/she is without any form of household income and explaining how living expenses are met.
- 4. Any change in family size or income as well as change in contact information must be reported to our office. Income verification updates will occur annually.
- 5. For all self-pay patients, all fees follow the sliding scale and patients are expected to pay on the day of service. No personal checks will be accepted.
- 6. Fee Calculation: Total the full fees, multiplying by the discount factor, and subtracting to determine charges to the patient.

## 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Family Size	At or Below 100%	125%	150%	175%	At or Above 200%
	80% Discount	60% Discount	40% Discount	20% Discount	NOT Eligible for Services
1	\$0 - \$12,060	\$12,061 - \$15,075	\$15,076 - \$18,090	\$18,091 - \$21,105	\$21,106 - \$24,120
2	\$0 - \$16,240	\$16,241 - \$20,300	\$20,301 - \$24,360	\$24,361 - \$28,420	\$28,421 - \$32,480
3	\$0 - \$20,420	\$20,421 - \$25,525	\$25,526 - \$30,630	\$30,631 - \$35,735	\$35,736 - \$40,840
4	\$0 - \$24,600	\$24,601 - \$30,750	\$30,751 - \$36,900	\$36,901 - \$43,050	\$43,051 - \$49,200
5	\$0 - \$28,780	\$28,781 - \$35,975	\$35,976 - \$43,170	\$43,171 - \$50,365	\$50,366 - \$57,560
6	\$0 - \$32,960	\$32,961 - \$41,200	\$41,201 - \$49,440	\$49,441 - \$57,680	\$57,681 - \$65,920
7	\$0 - \$37,140	\$37,141 - \$46,425	\$46,426 - \$55,710	\$55,711 - \$64,995	\$64,996 - \$74,280
8	\$0 - \$41,320	\$41,321 - \$51,650	\$51,651 - \$61,980	\$61-981 - \$72,310	\$72,311 - \$82,640
additional	\$4,180	\$5,225	\$6,270	\$7,315	\$8,360