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These guidelines represent a simplification of the poverty thresholds used for administrative purposes in determining financial eligibility for UW Health's Financial Assistance Program as well as certain federal and state programs. This document is updated annually to reflect the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and Amount Generally Billed (AGB) in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requirements.

The **federal poverty guidelines (FPG)** are a federal poverty measure and are issued each year in the *Federal Register* by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Family Size	Poverty Guideline	Community Care Discount			
		300% FPG	350% FPG	400% FPG	500% FPG
1	12,140	36,420	42,490	48,560	60,700
2	16,460	49,380	57,610	65,840	82,300
3	20,780	62,340	72,730	83,120	103,900
4	25,100	75,300	87,850	100,400	125,500
5	29,420	88,260	102,970	117,680	147,100
6	33,740	101,220	118,090	134,960	168,700
7	38,060	114,180	133,210	152,240	190,300
8	42,380	127,140	148,330	169,520	211,900
Discount Amount		100%	85%	70%	59% *

Patients with excessive medical debt (greater than 50% of income) may also be eligible for larger financial assistance consideration under this policy.

Adjustment Percentage based on Size of Medical Debt:

Medical Debt	300% FPG	350% FPG	400% FPG	500% FPG	600% FPG	>600 FPG
< 50K	95%	93%	90%	85%	80%	75%
50K-100K	95%	93%	91%	90%	85%	80%
100K-150K	98%	96%	94%	93%	90%	85%
> 150K	98%	97%	96%	95%	95%	90%

*UW Health completed its computation of the AGB to be effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. UWHC calculated the AGB based on Medicare and commercial contract accounts with dates of service from fiscal year 2017 – July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

FPG Source: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>