

[CARE AID Community-Assistance-Reaches-Everyone: St. James Parish Hospital's medical bill credit policy which can qualify community members for free or reduced hospital charges based on a brief application and necessary documentation.]

Please complete and sign the enclosed application for Care Aid which will be used to determine if you qualify for credits paying up to 100% of your medical bills at St. James Parish Hospital.

In order to review your application, supporting documentation for the family must be included. The family consists of two or more people who reside together and are related by birth, marriage or adoption. Please include your last year's Federal Tax Return, last check stub showing year-to-date income, unemployment income, Social Security benefit amount, child support and/or any other income you have received in the last 12 months. In order to claim a dependent, they must have been listed on your tax return.

If you are a student receiving financial aid, you may also qualify for Care Aid Credits. Please provide documentation of approval for financial aid. If you are employed and get paid cash, a letter from your employer stating your income would be acceptable. Students with no income would need to provide proof of income from parents or guardians who support them.

Only services provided by St. James Parish Hospital will be eligible for credits. Services provided by any providers who bill separately are not included. This may include ER physicians, anesthesiologists, radiologists, pathologists, etc. Any accounts in bad debt are not eligible for Care Aid Credits. If approved, your eligibility is active for twelve months from the date of determination. However, we may reevaluate your application for Care Aid if additional information relevant to eligibility becomes known. If you receive any services within twelve months of approval for Care Aid, it will be your responsibility to bring it to our attention that you have been approved at the time services are being rendered.

A patient may also qualify for medical indigence if medical bills (paid and unpaid) from the past 12 months are more than 20% of their yearly income. These are reviewed case-by-case based on the patient's circumstances, such as catastrophic illness or medical financial need, each at the discretion of St. James Parish Hospital.

You may return this information by mail or deliver it to the Business Office. Please call us at 225.869.5512, extension 2912 with any questions about this application.

Sincerely,

Sandi LeBlanc
Financial Counselor



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