



DISCOUNTED HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The **Sliding Fee Discount Program** (SFDP) offers significant discounts and assures access to health care for all with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) provides discounts to our established schedule of fees, based on family size and income. The program is designed to reduce barriers to accessing health services for such patients.

HMS's sliding fee scale and nominal fees will be approved by the HMS Board of Directors. In addition to revising the Sliding Fee Discount Scale (SFDS) annually to reflect updates to the Federal Poverty Guideline, the structure of the SFDS will also be evaluated at least annually for effectiveness in addressing financial barriers to care and updated, as appropriate.

HMS will utilize a fee structure for all clinical services based on the income and family size. Patients with income at or below 100% of the poverty line will be charged a nominal fee per provider visit; this includes medical, dental and mental health. Patients with income falling between 101% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines will be eligible for sliding fee discounts as described in HMS SFDS.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is determined once a patient has completed an eligibility form and submitted income verification with the HMS Family Support Department. Once deemed eligible for a discount, the patient will be charged in accordance to the SFDS as applicable.

To make an appointment (or get more information) please feel free to call any of our CHW workers in our Family Support Department. Please call HMS Family Support Services at (575) 597-2968 in Grant County or (575) 542-2342 in Hidalgo County