



## **COST SHARE – GENERAL GUIDELINES**

### Cost Share, Financial Assistance Policy

Objective: To ensure that Courage Center meets its community obligations to provide financial assistance in a fair, consistent and objective manner.

Policy Statement: It is both the philosophy and practice of Courage Center that medically necessary healthcare services should be available to all individuals, regardless of their ability to pay. Courage Center assists persons that qualify for financial need by waiving part of the charges for services provided by Courage Center.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Financial assistance is generally secondary to all other financial resources available to the patient, including insurance, government programs, third-party liability and assets.
2. Financial assistance cannot be offered for Medical Assistance Spend-down balances as determined by the patient's county financial worker.
3. Notification of financial assistance determinations will be mailed to the responsible party. Courage Center requires payment of the discounted amount prior to or at time of service with exception for those cases of retroactive approvals.