



## **Financial Assistance**

### **DECH Offers Financial Help:**

Down East Community Hospital (DECH) offers financial help to certain patients. This can be full or partial discounts on certain medical bills. To seek help, patients must fill out an application form. Please see our financial assistance policy or contact DECH Patient Financial Services for more details.

### **Who Qualifies:**

Patients with family incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) may qualify.

### **Which Bills Qualify:**

Bills for emergency and other medically necessary care qualify. Bills for elective care may not qualify.

### **Amount of Help:**

- Patients with family incomes above 150% and at or below 200% of FPL: 75% discount.
- Patients with family incomes at or below 150% FPL: 100% discount (free care).

A patient qualifying for help will not be charged more than the amount generally billed to Medicare.

### **How to Apply:**

Patients seeking help must fill out an application form. We may also ask to see documents. You can get a free copy of DECH's policy and form online at: <http://www.dech.org/Patients-Visitors/For-Patients/Free-Care.aspx>. You can get free paper copies from DECH:

- **In Person:** DECH Patient Financial Services
- **By Phone:** (207) 255-0473 or (207) 255-0460
- **By Mail:** Down East Community Hospital  
ATTN: Patient Financial Services  
11 Hospital Drive  
Machias, ME 04654

To learn more or get help with the form, please visit DECH Patient Financial Services. They are open Monday – Friday (except holidays), 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. You may also call the above phone numbers. DECH cannot promise that every patient who applies will qualify.