

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

DATE: June 28, 2023

FACILITY: Broward Health Hospitals

PROGRAM/PRODUCT LINE: Revenue Cycle

REQUEST: Seeking approval to retroactively approve Financial Assistance per Program Policy (FAP) GA-018-055 in effect at time of service for the period (March 2020 to May 2023 Public Health Emergency- ["PHE"]) by using an electronic screening software tool to determine eligibility.


PURPOSE: To identify patients retroactively utilizing an electronic screening software tool to determine eligibility for Financial Assistance per policy in effect at time of service.

CAPITAL REQUIRED: 0.00

FISCAL IMPACT: None

BUDGET STATUS: Not applicable

LEGAL REVIEW: Complete

APPROVED:  Shane Strum
06/27/2023 15:41 EDT DATE: _____
Shane Strum, President/CEO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Shane Strum, President/Chief Executive Officer

DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Seeking approval for retroactive financial assistance using an electronic screening software tool to determine eligibility for March 2020 thru May 2023 (PHE)

BACKGROUND

North Broward Hospital District d/b/a “Broward Health” provides financial assistance to patients who receive emergency care and/or other medically necessary services in a Broward Health Facility and who satisfy the eligibility requirements for Financial Assistance under policy GA-018-055 (Financial Assistance Policy or “FAP”).

Broward Health recognizes that a portion of the uninsured population will not engage in the traditional application process. To that end, seeking approval to retroactively screen this patient population for Financial Assistance eligibility via an electronic screening software tool.

- This predictive scoring tool utilizes public data including estimates for income and household size and compares against the Federal Poverty Guidelines (“FPG”).

ACTION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION**Identifying Presumptive FAP Determinations via Electronic Screening Software Tool**

- Broward Health recognizes that a portion of the uninsured patient population may not engage in the traditional financial assistance application process. If the information required by this policy is not provided by the patient, Broward Health may utilize an automated predictive scoring tool provided by a third-party vendor to identify patients that qualify for financial assistance under this policy. The screening process utilizes public data and includes estimates for income, household size, and compares against the FPG.
- The automated predictive scoring tool will be deployed for those patients that received emergency care and/or other medically necessary services during the PHE (March 2020 thru May 2023) and where there is no identified third-party insurance and all other eligibility and payment sources have been exhausted. The data returned from this automated predictive scoring tool will constitute adequate documentation of financial need under this policy, including instances where documentation is not available from the patient.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT

Not Applicable

JUSTIFICATION

To ensure financial assistance eligibility during the PHE period was provided to those individuals that met the criteria for FAP GA-018-055.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, it is requested that the Board of Commissioner of the North Broward Hospital District approve the retroactive screening of those patients without 3rd party insurance for financial assistance eligibility for the period of March 2020 thru May 2023 (PHE).