



Financial Assistance Program Patient Guide (Admission)

California Department of State Hospital (DSH) patients liable for their cost of care can apply for the Financial Assistance Program. Patients can apply for the Financial Assistance Program anytime after being discharged from the hospital.

What is the Financial Assistance Program?

The Financial Assistance Program allows for DSH to reduce or cancel a patient's debt to DSH if they do not have the means to pay it. If a patient is approved for the Financial Assistance Program, they will owe less or no money to DSH.

Who can apply?

DSH patients that are responsible for paying for their cost of care may apply for the Financial Assistance Program. Eligible patients include, but not limited to, those under commitment orders of Incompetent to Stand Trial, Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, Lanterman-Petris-Short, and Sexually Violent Predators.

What do I have to do during admission?

No action is required during admission. However, eligible patients must apply to Medicare during qualifying events while admitted. Applying to all available public benefits is a requirement for the Financial Assistance Program.

How do I apply?

At discharge, patients will receive an application for the Financial Assistance Program. Complete the application and submit it along with supporting documentation.

What If I need help or have questions?

E-mail DSHSacTrustOffice@dsh.ca.gov or call (916) 654-1501 for help.