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## Sliding Fee Discount Payment Program

**Policy:**

Ventura County Health Care Agency (VCHCA), Ambulatory Care Department, provides a Sliding Fee Discount Payment Program (SFDP) for qualified patients and members of their family based on family size and income as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Center Program Compliance Manual. Patients will not be denied health center services for inability to pay. The SFDP ensures that the amounts owed for health center services by eligible patients are adjusted based on the patient’s ability to pay and that financial barriers to care are minimized. This policy applies to all medical, specialty, dental, vision and behavioral health services provided at VCHCA health centers funded by HRSA as described in Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act and is reviewed annually by the Community Health Center Board.

The VCHCA Community Health Center Board (CHC) will evaluate the SFDP every three years to ensure patients in income categories below 200% FPL are accessing services and that the SFDP is effectively reducing financial barriers to care.