

Sliding Fee Scale Discount Guide for Critical Access Hospitals

The National Rural Health Resource Center is pleased to announce the availability of the **Sliding Fee Scale Discount Guide for Critical Access Hospitals**, a new resource designed to assist critical access hospitals (CAHs) to evaluate if a sliding fee scale discount program is appropriate for their organization and community. This resource was developed with funding from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FOHRP) by the Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC), a program of the National Rural Health Resource Center.

[Sliding Fee Scale Discount Guide for Critical Access Hospitals](#) provides critical access hospital (CAH) executive and management teams with concepts and guidance in developing a Sliding Fee Scale Discount Program. It also assists in gaining an understanding of how sliding fee scale discount programs relate to Internal Revenue Code Section 501(r) compliance and participation in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). Content includes:

- The definition of a sliding fee discount program
- The benefits of implementing a sliding fee scale discount program
- Steps for developing a sliding fee scale discount program
- An example of a sliding fee schedule

The resource also includes an introductory presentation describing what a CAH could expect to learn from reviewing the guide.

We encourage you to review these resources and to share them with your hospitals and other partners.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact TASC at tasc@ruralcenter.org.

Thank you!