

Grant County Health Department – Nursing Division

Financial Hardship Policy

(For Vaccinations and administration fees)

Policy Title: Hardship and Donations Policy

Policy Justification:

There are occasional situations when the requirement of payment in full for medical services would result in financial hardship for the patient. In these cases, the Grant county health department may be the only option the patient has available to receive care. This Hardship and Donation policy will serve as the vehicle to allow discounts and donations to be received in return for medical services.

Policy Purpose:

To ensure standard practices for all patients regarding acceptance of donations or reduced fees for medical services.

Implementation:

To be implemented by all approved health department staff assisting patients presenting at clinics.

Policy Implementation:

Patients who do not have a form of third-party payment, such as from Medicare, Medicaid or a commercial health insurance carrier, and who verbally state an inability to pay the full fee for services, may make a free will donation to the Grant county health department in return for medical services rendered.

This policy applies to these services:

- Immunization administration fees not listed on county fee schedule
- Grant covered vaccines

All hardship considerations will be evaluated and decided on a case-by-case basis by authorized department staff in compliance with department policies.

Patient Name: _____

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____