

# Don't Be Number One!

## Sliding Fee Scales and Individual Patient Caps

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# Federal Law and Expectations

- No one will be refused treatment based on ability to pay
- Sliding Fee Scale
- Annual Cap on Charges (Part C Only)
- Tracking Program Income (Part C Only)

# Charges to Clients

- **Publicly available fee scale**
- **Annual cap on charges- calendar year**
- **Based on charges imposed**
- **Individuals**
- **Annual gross income**

# Sliding Fees & Caps

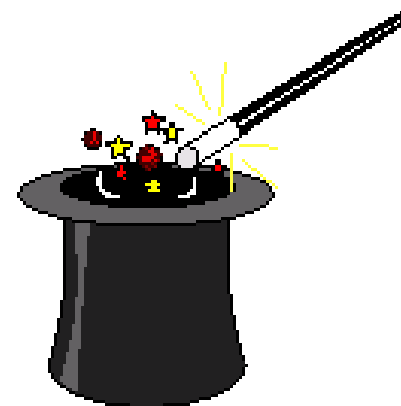
2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines		
Poverty Level	48 States & D.C.	Charge
100% or less	0 - 10,830	0
> 100% <= 200%	> 10,830 <= 21,660	5%
> 200% <= 300%	> 21,660 <= 32,490	7%
> 300%	> 32,490	10%
<b>Alaska</b>		
		Charge
100% or less	0 - 13,530	0
> 100% <= 200%	> 13,530 <= 27,060	5%
> 200% <= 300%	> 27,060 <= 40,590	7%
> 300%	> 40,590	10%
<b>Hawaii</b>		
		Charge
100% or less	0 - 12,460	0
> 100% <= 200%	> 12,460 <= 24,920	5%
> 200% <= 300%	> 24,920 <= 37,380	7%
> 300%	> 37,380	10%

Income	Max Charge
All below 100% of Poverty	0
100% to 200% of Poverty	No more than 5% of gross annual income
200% to 300% of Poverty	No more than 7% of gross annual income
> 300%	No more than 10% of gross annual income

Based only on patient (not family) income.



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# Annual Cap on Charges

- **Must be tracked**
- **No charges  $\leq 100\%$  Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**
- **Will charge  $>100\%$  FPL**
- **No more than % of annual gross income-**
- **101-200% FPL 5%**
- **201-300% FPL 7%**
- **301+% FPL 10%**

# What is Program Income?

- Program income is any income that is generated for a grantee or subcontractor by the grant or earned as a result of the grant.
- This includes charges to beneficiaries under the sliding scale, as well as reimbursements from Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance for services provided.
- Grants Policy Directive 1.02: 45 CFR 92.25  
[http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr\\_2003/octqtr/45cfr92.25.htm](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2003/octqtr/45cfr92.25.htm)

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- <http://careacttarget.org>
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