

County of San Diego  
 Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
 San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital  
 Policies and Procedures  
 SDCPH General Administration

Subject:	<b>CHARITY CARE AND DISCOUNT PAYMENT</b>	No:	<b>02-01-85</b>
Reference:	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) Poverty Guidelines; AB 1020 Healthcare Debt and Fair Billing	<b>Page 1 of 1</b>	
<b>FORM(S) REFERENCE:</b>			
<b>POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER: 02-01-86 Debt Collection</b>			

**PURPOSE:**

To establish criteria and procedures for providing Finance Assistance to individuals who have no reasonable means to pay and consistent with the mission of San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital (SDCPH).

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of SDCPH to provide psychiatric services to individuals regardless of the ability to pay. As an Institute for Mental Disorders (IMD) falling under the IMD exclusion, SDCPH does not bill for hospital based inpatient services. a

Approved Date: 6/21/2024	Approved:
Expiration Date: 6/21/2027	Hospital Administrator/Designee