

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

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>DEBT COLLECTION</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>02-01-86</b>
<b>Reference:</b>	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) Poverty Guidelines; AB 1020 Healthcare Debt and Fair Billing; California Health and Safety Code sections 127400 through 127446; Title 22; California Code of Regulations section 96051 through 96051.37; Code of Federal Regulations, 26 CFR Section 501®-6; United States Department of Health and Human Services, subsection 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).	<b>Page 1 of 1</b>	
<b>FORM(S) REFERENCE:</b>			
<b>POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER:</b> 02-01-85 Charity Care and Discount Payment			

**PURPOSE:**

To establish procedures for hospital billing and collection processes consistent with the mission of San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital (SDCPH).

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of SDCPH to provide quality behavioral health services to individuals while ensuring financial responsibility and sustainability. Individuals shall not be turned away regardless of their ability to pay. As an Institute for Mental Disorders (IMD) falling under the IMD exclusion, SDCPH does not bill for hospital based inpatient services.

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