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Ability-to-Pay Plan (ATP)

The ATP program assists individuals who are not eligible for Full Scope Medi-Cal to obtain health care at County hospitals and clinics at no cost or at a lower cost. This program can be used in conjunction with My Health LA program.

Who is eligible?

- Individuals who are unable to pay the full cost of their medical care may qualify for free ATP (see chart below) or ATP with a cost, depending on their income. Applicants must not be eligible for Full Scope Medi-Cal (either free or with a share of cost), or have other health coverage. Individuals with Restricted Medi-Cal may apply.
- ✓ **Note:** If the applicant has other health insurance that does not fully cover the cost of the services, or the type of services needed, he/she could still be eligible for ATP services. Individuals with My Health LA may use ATP to cover outpatient specialty care or inpatient hospital services.

What are the income and resource limits?

- Resources do not count.
- Individuals interested in applying for ATP can get coverage at no cost if, after deductions (current taxes, medical insurance, child care, support payments), their monthly income is less than 138% of the poverty level:

Family Size	Monthly Income Allowed
1	\$1,677
2	\$2,269
3	\$2,860
4	\$3,450
5	\$4,043
6	\$4,633

- Individuals with higher income will be charged a “liability”. There is a separate liability amount for outpatient and inpatient services. For outpatient services individuals will be responsible for paying the liability amount one time each month they receive services regardless of how many visits they have in a month. For inpatient services the individual will pay the liability one time per hospital admission.
- For old bills ATP offers retroactive eligibility. There is no time limit for retroactive coverage.

What services are offered?

- ATP covers outpatient clinic care and inpatient hospital care at Los Angeles County Department of Health Services clinics and hospitals. Individuals who qualify for ATP with no cost also get medicines at no cost. If they qualify for ATP with a liability, they get “critical” medicines (emergency and public health medicines) at no extra cost.

Does immigration status matter?

- No, but individuals seeking services must provide proof of an address in Los Angeles County, and must not hold an unexpired work, student or tourist visa. D.A.C.A. and U and T visa holders are considered L.A. County residents.

What if I am not an L.A. County resident?

- Individuals who do not live in L.A. County, or are here on a visa or work permit, may qualify for the Out of County Discount Payment Plan. Individuals with incomes below 350% FPL may qualify for a 5% discount on medical care received but would not have to pay more than what Medi-Cal would pay for the services received.

How/Where do people get services?

- Services are provided at any Los Angeles County hospital or clinic. Some clinics will schedule an ATP screening appointment on the same day someone sees a health care provider. However, if the person needs medical care, services cannot be delayed just because they have not had an ATP screening yet.

What if the family has health insurance?

- To qualify for ATP, individuals must first use any medical benefits they have, such as private insurance or outpatient Medicare. ATP can cover a “deductible” for private insurance, but does not cover the inpatient Medicare deductible or any Medi-Cal Share-of-Cost obligation.

What papers are needed to apply?

- Individuals interested in applying must request a financial screening appointment. They will need to show proof of address and identity. Income is based on the applicant’s verbal declaration under penalty of perjury. However, the County has the right to request income verification at a later date.
- Individuals must report any changes in income, or family size to the location where they had their appointment.

How do family members apply?

- Individuals interested in applying may visit County hospitals and some clinics to start an application or they may call ahead to make an appointment. Call **800-378-9919** for the screening location that is most convenient.

What do people do if they have a problem getting services?

- If the ATP worker denies an application, or if the individual does not agree with the fee, he/she should ask to meet with a supervisor, or the clinic administrator, or call 800-427-8700 to make a complaint.
- Individuals can also call the **Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles** at **800-896-3202** for additional help, including free legal assistance.