## McLeod Family Medicine Marion Discounted/Sliding Fee Schedule

McLeod Family Medicine Marion provides family and internal medical services with expertise, efficiency and compassion. Find out more about our physicians or schedule an appointment by calling (843) 464-7111.

The services provided by McLeod Family Medicine Marion are available to all persons desiring those services regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or physical or mental handicap. McLeod Family Medicine Marion is a National Health Service Corp site. National Health Service Corp sites are required to apply the discounted/sliding fee-schedule equally, consistently and on a continuous basis to all patients of services in their site and/or location, without regard to the particular clinician that treats the patient.

Discounts for essential services are offered depending upon family size and income.

McLeod Health serves all patient and will not deny services to patients due to an inability to pay. Signage is posted in the offices to ensure the patients are aware that a discounted/sliding fee schedule is available to the patients. Patients must complete a written application to determine financial eligibility for the discounted/sliding scale fees.

Every patient's privacy is protected. Records are kept to account for each visit and the charges incurred (if any). Patients below poverty are charged a nominal fee or not charged at all. Patients above 200% of poverty may be charged full fees for service.

## What is a discounted/sliding fee schedule and why have a discounted/sliding fee schedule?

Discounted/sliding fee schedules are a means of addressing the need for equitable charges for services rendered to patients. A discounted/sliding fee schedule is developed according to local fee standards and must be in writing. Discounted/sliding fees are based upon federal poverty guidelines, and patient eligibility is determined by annual income and family size. Schedules are established and implemented to ensure that a non-discriminatory, uniform, and reasonable charge is consistently and evenly applied.

For patients whose household income and family size place them below poverty, a nominal fee is charged. Patients between 101-200% of poverty are expected to pay some percentage of the full fee. A discounted/sliding fee schedule applies only to direct patient charges. Billing for third party coverage (Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance carriers) is set at the usual and customary full charge.