

# Financial Assistance Programs Offered at Meridian Health

## Financial Counselors:

Meridian Health Financial Counselors are available to provide information about the Financial Assistance programs, the application process, and can assist with completing applications. Meridian Health Financial Counselors are located at:

Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune  
Ocean Medical Center, Brick  
Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank  
Southern Ocean Medical Center, Manahawkin  
Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel  
Meridian Family Health Center, Neptune  
Jane H Booker Family Health Center, Neptune  
Booker Behavioral Health Center, Shrewsbury  
Parkway 100 Behavioral Health Center, Neptune  
Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy

Financial Assistance Counselors are available on site at these locations for interviews and to answer questions. To make an appointment, applicants should call 732 212-6505.

## What to bring to your financial assistance appointment:

Financial Assistance applicants must provide identification, proof of NJ residency, proof of income, and bank statements.

## Notification of application decision:

All applicants will receive written notice within 10 business days if they have been approved or denied with an explanation of the decision.

Meridian Health offers Financial Assistance Programs to uninsured patients. An uninsured patient is someone who does not have any health insurance, including any government program.

## How to obtain Financial Assistance:

**Scenario 1:** You do not hold any insurance.

- You can apply for insurance through the Health Insurance Exchange at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) during open enrollment.
- You may qualify for the State of NJ Medicaid Program if you have an annual household income equal to or less than 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). If requested by the hospital, you must apply for Medicaid, fully cooperate in the application process, and annually renew your Medicaid insurance.

**Scenario 2:** You applied for Medicaid but were denied by the State or the Health Insurance Exchange was closed.

- You may qualify for the NJ Hospital Care Payment Assistance Program which will cover the costs of hospital services and some special physician visits. In order to be considered for this program, you must apply using the Charity Care Application and fully cooperate in the application process. You will not be charged more than Amounts Generally Billed.

**Scenario 3:** You do not qualify for Medicaid or the NJ Hospital Care Payment Assistance program.

- If you do not qualify for either the State of NJ Medicaid or NJ Hospital Care Payment Assistance programs, you will receive uninsured pricing at discounted rates. You will not be charged more than Amounts Generally Billed for emergency services or other medically necessary services and will never be required to make advance payment or other payment arrangements in order to receive emergency services. You may be required to make an advance deposit in order to receive non-emergency services.

A free copy of the Meridian Health's Financial Assistance policy and the application forms are available on the Need Financial Assistance? page under "Your Bill" at [Meridianhealth.com](http://Meridianhealth.com). Free copies are also available at each Meridian Health hospital or by calling **732.902.7080**.