

OTSEGO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
Gaylord, Michigan

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POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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**RE: Emergency Medical Care Policy**

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**KEY WORDS:** 501(r), Emergency, financial, treatment, FAP, EMTALA

**POLICY** – Otsego Memorial Hospital will provide without discrimination, care for emergency medical conditions (EMTALA), to individuals regardless of their eligibility under the organization’s FAP or ability to pay. Also, see policy ED.m.01, Medical Screening.

**PURPOSE:** To meet the guidelines of IRS 501(r)(4) to accept all patients according to EMTALA guidelines regardless of ability to pay.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**EMTALA** – Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act. EMTALA is a statute which encompasses (1) “anti-dumping” legislation requiring that every patient receive a medical screening exam to determine if a medical emergency exists or a patient is in active labor prior to inquiring about payment; or (2) that transferring facilities document whether an emergent condition has been stabilized prior to transfer, or if the patient is unstable that the benefits of transfer outweigh the risks.

**501(r)** – IRS rule that was created as part of the Affordable Care Act imposes new requirements on 501(c) (3) organizations.

**FAP** – Financial Assistance Policy. Otsego Memorial Hospital offers sliding scale discounts on patient balances based on household income and other factors.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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