

Calvary Hospital Policy for Public Viewing of Hospital Charges

1. **Purpose:** This policy allows the public to view Calvary Hospital standard charges in compliance with the Affordable Care Act, Section 2718(e) of the Public Health Service Act. & NY State Public Health Law (PHL) Section 24. It is intended to promote transparency for patients to understand their potential financial liability for services obtained at Calvary Hospital and to allow comparison for similar services with hospitals.

However, it should be noted that hospital charge masters are lengthy and complex documents and do not provide information at a level necessarily conducive for this purpose. Therefore, additional information, as outlined below, will be provided to patients seeking price estimates.

2. **Definitions:** Hospital charges are the amounts set before any discounts. Hospitals are required by the federal government to utilize uniform charges as the starting point for all bills.

Charges are based on what type of care was provided and can differ from patient to patient for the same service depending on any complications or different treatment provided due to the patient's health. Therefore, actual charges for a specific patient will differ from the listed standard charges.

3. **Estimates/Financial Assistance:** Many patients that will seek hospital charge information are interested in knowing their out-of-pocket financial responsibility. This is an opportunity to have important conversations regarding finances. Those with health insurance can be directed to contact their health plan for specific financial obligations. Those without health insurance will be provided information related to the hospital's financial assistance policy, the Calvary Hospital Charity Care Policy.

Requests for specific price estimates should be directed as follows.

Calvary Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient services: Patient Accounts office @ 718 518-2063

Calvary Hospice or Calvary Home Health Agency : The Business Office @ 718-518-2465

4. **Time/Location to View Charges:** The public may view this information Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Calvary Hospital

located at: **1740 Eastchester Rd. Bronx NY 10461** for Hospital(Inpatient and Outpatient)

Calvary Hospice or Calvary Home Health Agency

located at: **1740 Eastchester Rd. Bronx NY 10461** for Calvary Hospice Home Health Agency

5. **Format:** Paper document or electronic is available. If electronic, data is in read-only format and access to other information is restricted. Effective Date April 1, 2015