

# Medical Financial Assistance Policy Summary

Kaiser Permanente's Medical Financial Assistance (MFA) program provides financial assistance for qualifying patients who need help paying for emergency or medically necessary care they receive in a Kaiser Permanente facility or by a Kaiser Permanente provider. Patients can apply for the MFA program in several ways including in person, by phone, or by completing and submitting a paper application. Patients must meet the eligibility requirements below to qualify.

## **Who is eligible for Financial Assistance and what are the requirements?**

The program helps low-income, uninsured, or underserved patients who need help paying for all or part of their medical care. In general, patients are eligible for Financial Assistance when their Gross Household Income is at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) or have unusually high medical costs. Patients should talk with staff at any Kaiser Permanente facility business office or check-in desk to determine eligibility and for help applying.

*Patients who are eligible for medical financial assistance are not charged more than amounts generally billed (AGB) for emergency or other medically necessary care. Refer to [kp.org/mfa/wa](http://kp.org/mfa/wa) for AGB information.*

## **Does Kaiser Permanente screen patients for public and private program eligibility?**

Kaiser Permanente provides patients with help to identify potential public and private health coverage programs that may help with health care access needs. A patient who is presumed eligible for any public or private health coverage program is required to apply for those programs.

## **What does the program cover?**

The Medical Financial Assistance program covers medically necessary care provided at a Kaiser Permanente medical office, hospital, pharmacy or provided by a Kaiser Permanente provider. The types of services not covered include services that are not considered emergency or medically necessary by a Kaiser Permanente provider, infertility treatments and surrogacy services as well as health care premiums. Please see a more complete list in the MFA policy.

## **Is there language assistance?**

Interpreters are available to you at no cost. If you need to speak to someone with the help of an interpreter, please call Member Services at 1-888-901-4636 or visit our website at [kp.org/mfa/wa](http://kp.org/mfa/wa).

## **Does Kaiser Permanente have a Financial Assistance policy?**

You may request your free copy of Kaiser Permanente's Medical Financial Assistance policy by calling 800-992-2279, emailing [kpwa.resource-L@kp.org](mailto:kpwa.resource-L@kp.org), or visiting our website at [kp.org/mfa/wa](http://kp.org/mfa/wa).

## **Need Help?**

For help or questions about the medical financial assistance application process, please call 800-442-4014, option 4, option 7, or talk to staff at any Kaiser Permanente facility business office or check-in desk.

## **How do I Apply?**

You can apply for medical financial assistance in several ways -- either by contacting Member Services at 888-901-4636 to request program information in person or by phone or requesting a paper application from any of the following sources:

- Staff at any Kaiser Permanente facility business office or check-in desk.
- Call 800-992-2279
- By email (at no cost) at [kpwa.resource-L@kp.org](mailto:kpwa.resource-L@kp.org)
- Download an application through the Kaiser Permanente Community website at [kp.org/mfa/wa](http://kp.org/mfa/wa)

Please return completed applications (including all required documentation and information specified in the application instructions)

-- in person to the nearest Kaiser Permanente facility business office or check-in desk

-- by mail to: Kaiser Permanente, Medical Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 34584, Seattle, WA 98124-1584

-- by fax to 206-877-0640

Kaiser Permanente will review submitted applications when they are complete and will determine whether you are eligible according to the Kaiser Permanente Medical Financial Assistance Policy. Incomplete applications may result in a delay in processing or denial of your MFA application, but Kaiser Permanente will notify applicants and provide an opportunity to send in the missing documentation or information, by the required deadline.