



Yakima Valley  
Memorial Hospital

## **Patient Financial Status Treatment**

### **Policy:**

Under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), all patients who arrive for treatment in the Emergency Department must receive an appropriate medical screening examination (MSE) to determine if an emergency medical condition exists or if the patient is in active labor before registration staff can broach their method of payment.

All patients who arrive for treatment in the Emergency Department will be seen. While we maintain a variety of policies regarding admission and financial matters and every effort is to be made to inform patients of our policies, no patient is to be denied treatment on the basis of financial status.

In addition, it is our policy to treat all patients in a cordial and professional manner, regardless of financial status. Discrimination in any form, including discrimination based upon financial status, is against the mission and values of Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital.

We are reminded that the care of the poor and charitable compassion for their needs is fundamental to the mission of this hospital.