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Emergency Medical Care

POLICY/PURPOSE:

It is the policy of McKenzie Health System Emergency Department to provide care, without discrimination, for Emergency Medical Conditions (as defined under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA*)) to individuals regardless of their eligibility under McKenzie Health System's Financial Assistance Policy [A-4.5.6](#) (available at www.mckenziehealth.org).

PROCEDURE:

McKenzie Health System and its personnel will not engage in any action that discourages individuals from seeking Emergency Medical Care (EMC), including, without limitation:

- McKenzie Health System will not demand payment before treatment of an EMC.
- McKenzie Health System will not engage in or permit "debt collection activities" in its Emergency Department or other areas of the hospital where such activities could interfere with the provision of emergency care.

"Debt collection" and "debt collection activities" shall have their common meaning until the same are defined in regulations or rules promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code.

References

*42 CFR § 489.24, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA)

Attachments:

No Attachments

Approval Signatures

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