


Physicians' Billing Office		
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APPROVALS:	FPG B&F Committee: 04/12/2010 PBO: 04/12/2010	ISSUED: 02/01/2010 EFFECTIVE: 06/30/2010
SUPERSEDES: N/A		

PURPOSE:

This policy establishes a standard, uniform criteria around extending prompt pay discounts to patients receiving healthcare services from FPG providers.

POLICY:

- A. This standard discount criteria applies to:
 - 1. All patients who have the means to pay, do not qualify for financial hardship considerations as outlined in PBO "Financial Hardship" policy, **and**
 - 2. No healthcare insurance program, governmental or private, is responsible for the payment for services provided to the patient.
- B. A minimum of 30 percent prompt pay discount may be offered to qualifying patients who are willing to make a payment in full at the time of service.
- C. Extending discounts in addition to the 30 percent as indicated in paragraph B is permissible and left to the FPG department's discretion.
- D. FPG departments/divisions must:
 - 1. Collect the full amount owed by the patient (less the discounted amount) at the time of service.
 - 2. Assign a unique financial class code (FCC) to prevent sending statements to the patient.
 - 3. Indicate the discounted amount in the "BPO" box of the charge document.
 - 4. Discounts greater than 30% must be approved by the department CAO, or CAO's designee.
- E. FPG departments/division utilizing special discount schedules must inform PBO on any changes to the schedule for proper posting of payments and adjustments in the billing system.


APPLICABILITY:

This policy applies only to FPG PBO customers. UCLA FPG provider entities billing for healthcare services outside PBO are not covered by this policy.

EXCLUSIONS:

This policy does not apply to:

- 1. Patients receiving services with existing cash case rates such as elective/cosmetic.

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- International patients (see Policy number G107).

MONITORING / ACCOUNTABILITY:

Each PBO billing unit must conduct frequent, regularly scheduled quality reviews to ensure adherence to this policy. Immediate corrective actions must be taken as necessary. These may include:

- Training and re-training of staff;
- Disciplinary actions;
- Escalating non-compliance to PBO compliance manager.

COGNIZANT OFFICE:

For interpretations of this policy, resolution of problems and special situations, contact:

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POLICY AUTHORITY:

UCLA Faculty Practice Group

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REFERENCES:

- UCLA Hospital System, Patient Business Services, Policies and Procedures