

## Understanding the Ryan White Sliding Fee

The Ryan White Legislation prohibits imposing a first party charge on individuals with incomes at or below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and requires that individuals with incomes above the official poverty level be charged for services based on the FPL.

<b>RW SLIDING FEE</b>			
Scale	% of FPL	Copay to be charged if patient does not have insurance otherwise you charge what the insurance requires.	Patient Discount
<b>A</b>	<b>0-120</b>	<b>No charge - Even with insurance</b>	<b>100%</b>
B	121-140	\$20	90%
C	141-160	\$30	80%
D	161-180	\$39	70%
E	181-200	\$49	60%
F	201-220	\$59	50%
G	221-240	\$69	40%
H	241-260	\$79	30%
I	261-280	\$89	20%
J	281-300	\$97.50	10%
K	NA	This category is for patients waiting to reach CAP	No discount

**What is a Sliding Fee K?** Sliding fee K is used to identify patients who do want grant assistance but at the time of intake exceed the financial limit and have a cap amount. Once the patient reaches the cap amount they will be changed in the system to Ryan White CAP for the remainder of the patients service year.

**What is a cap?** The law limits the annual cumulative charges to an individual for HIV related services based on FPL and gross annual income. Legislation states patients caps on charges:

- Should be calculated and updated annually
- Based on charges imposed, not on payments made
- Applies to both insured and uninsured patients
- Includes insurance premiums, copayments and coinsurance

**What is Ryan White Non Eligible?** Patients can choose to opt out of receiving benefits they are eligible for under the grant. These patients must sign an opt out form and the form needs to be scanned into the chart by medical records. These patients need to be put into Athena under the sliding fee called Ryan White Non Eligible and will have no expiration date.

This option is also used for patients who do not return the necessary paperwork to be eligible for assistance under the grant. Until they update paperwork their sliding fee will be Ryan White Non Eligible.