

ETSU COE RYAN WHITE PROGRAM

SLIDING SCALE FEES AND CAPS ON CHARGES

WHAT IS THE RYAN WHITE PROGRAM?

The goal of the Ryan White Program is to make it easier for patients living with HIV to get care. Ryan White is a Payer of Last Resort. This means the ETSU (East Tennessee State University) Center of Excellence for HIV/AIDS (ETSU COE) will try to find insurance for patients to cover their costs before using money from the Ryan White Program. Ryan White is a state- and federal-funded program that requires patients to be eligible for the services to be provided. If you do not meet the standards for the Ryan White Program, we will try to find other programs to cover your medical costs. No one who comes to ETSU Health will be turned away because they are not able to pay for services.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INCLUDE?

Ryan White Sliding Fee Scale: makes sure patients living with HIV who earn at or below the [Federal Poverty Level](#) do not pay for some services. Please see the chart below for more information.

Household Annual Gross Income (Before Taxes)	ETSU Health (Medical) Sliding Fee*
Equal to or below 100% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	\$0
100-150% of FPL	\$30
151-200% of FPL	\$40
201-300% of FPL	\$50
301-400% of FPL	\$100

**Includes Ryan White Patients*

If you have questions about where you fall on the chart above, please call 423-930-8337.

Ryan White Maximum Cap on Charges puts a limit on charges for the year for patients living with HIV who earn above the Federal Poverty Level. Once a patient hits their cap, they do not have to pay for certain services for the rest of the year. Please refer to chart below for details:

Household Annual Gross Income (Before Taxes)	Annual Cap on Charge (% of income)
Equal to or below 100% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	No Charges Permitted
101-200% of FPL	5%
201-300% of FPL	7%
More than 301% of FPL	10%

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Once a patient meets the above maximum amount in one calendar year (January 1 to December 31), they will pay \$0 for eligible services (until January 1). The Ryan White Maximum Cap on Charges applies to all eligible charges for patients living with HIV, no matter whether payment was made, and no matter the patient's insurance.

WHAT CHARGES ARE ELIGIBLE/COUNT TOWARD THE RYAN WHITE MAXIMUM CAP?

ETSU COE considers charges to be HIV-related if they are on the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) formulary. Labs and pharmacy charges count toward a patient hitting the Ryan White Maximum Cap. Once a patient has hit their cap, they will not be charged for labs, pharmacy, and other HIV-related services.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE RYAN WHITE CAP ON CHARGES?

Patients must meet with the Financial Counselor, and bring:

- o A filled-out Ryan White Cap on Charges Worksheet with receipts
- o Current proof of income. You can bring:
 - o Most recent tax returns
 - o Most recent W-2 or 1099
 - o 2 most recent pay stubs from employer, no older than 3 months
 - o Letter from the Social Security Administration showing SSI or SSDI benefits
 - o Letter from the Social Security Administration showing you cannot get government benefits
 - o Letter showing unemployment benefits from your state unemployment office
 - o Military Leave and earnings statement
 - o Notarized Declaration of Income Letter

I have more questions. Who should I contact?

Call our main line at 423-930-8337.