

How does a hospital participate in the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program?

Prior to billing a patient and/or submitting the cost of the hospital services to Medicaid as uncompensated, a hospital is to use the indigent care eligibility form ([DSH-001](#)) to assess a patient's financial situation to determine if the patient meets the DSH guidelines. The patient must be a Kentucky resident. Resources, financial and other, belonging to the patient and the patient's family are taken into consideration during the determination. The patient cannot have any other medical insurance coverage including private insurance, any type of government-funded coverage, KCHIP, or be eligible for Medicaid. Questions regarding the [DSH program](#) may be directed to DMS at (502) 564-6511.