



## **Bridge Program**

The Kaiser Permanente Bridge Program is a charitable health coverage program available in the Georgia Region. It offers low-income, uninsured individuals residing in households at or below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) access to health care through a subsidized insurance program. This program, available through several Kaiser Permanente Georgia region community partners, offers individuals enrolled in training programs, 24-month health coverage with comprehensive benefits and subsidized premiums as long as they continue to meet eligibility requirements, and are not eligible for other health insurance coverage. The Kaiser Permanente Bridge Program is currently closed for new enrollment. To find out more about The Kaiser Permanente Bridge program, visit [www.kpgabridge.org](http://www.kpgabridge.org) or call (404) 364-3811.

## **Medical Financial Assistance Program**

Improving health care access for those with limited incomes and resources is fundamental to Kaiser Permanente's mission. Our Medical Financial Assistance program (MFA) helps low-income and underserved patients receive access to care. The program provides temporary financial assistance to patients who receive health care services from our providers, regardless of whether they have health coverage or are uninsured.

Through our charity care program, Kaiser Permanente is committed to

- offering financial counseling to determine if a patient is eligible for public assistance or Kaiser Permanente financial assistance,
- providing affordable care to low-income people for medically necessary services provided at our facilities and through our providers, and
- not taking legal action for nonpayment of medical bills against any person who is unemployed and without other significant income.

### *Who's Eligible for Medical Financial Assistance?*

- Eligibility is based on financial need. In general, people whose household income is at or below 200 percent, of the federal poverty level are eligible for the MFA program. Families or individuals with higher incomes may qualify on a case-by-case basis.

- Patients who do not qualify for the MFA program, and whose income is at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level, may be eligible for the Discount Payment Program for partial financial assistance.
- Patients who have experienced a catastrophic event may be eligible under special circumstances, regardless of household income.

**Please note**, the MFA program is not a form of health insurance and can't be used to subsidize premiums.

*How do I know if my income level meets the guidelines for Medical Financial Assistance?*

View the federal poverty guideline table ([click here](#) for PDF)

**Please note** that for uninsured patients, charges for emergency and medically necessary care are limited to no more than amounts generally billed to Kaiser members or the Medicare reimbursement rates.

*How can I learn more about the Medical Financial Assistance Program and how to enroll?*

To learn more about the MFA program and how to enroll, please speak with a Financial Counselor at one of our medical centers or call (404) 949-5112.