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# How to find low-cost health care in Windsor County

- 1. Read about the hospitals and health clinics and their financial assistance policies.
  - If you are looking at this online: Click on the blue links to learn more.
  - If you are looking at this on paper: Call the hospital or health clinic and ask them to mail you the plain language summary of their financial assistance policy and an application.
- 2. Call the hospital or health clinic if you have questions.
  - Example: Are you accepting new patients?
  - Example: Do you think I might qualify for financial assistance? (Be ready to tell them your income and household size.)
- 3. Fill out an application and send it to the hospital or health clinic.

Download the application for the hospital or clinic by clicking on the "Apply" link. If you do not have a printer, call the hospital or clinic. Ask them to mail you a paper copy. Or call the Office of the Health Care Advocate for help at 1-800-917-7787.

#### **Gifford Health Care Network**

These health centers in Windsor County are part of the Gifford Health Care network. You can apply for financial help for their services.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services	
Bethel Health Center		Primary care	
Bethel, VT 802-234-9913			
Rochester Health Center		Primary care	
Rochester, VT 802-767-3704			

**Eligibility:** You may qualify for financial help at the primary care offices if your income is under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Information / Application: Learn more and apply

• Note: This application is for financial help at the offices (above). It is also for Gifford Medical Center, a hospital in Orange County.

Questions? Call 802-728-2323 or e-mail <a href="mailto:FinancialAssistance@giffordhealthcare.org">FinancialAssistance@giffordhealthcare.org</a>

## **Good Neighbor Health Clinic**

You can apply for financial help here.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Good Neighbor Health Clinic	Serves adults only (ages 18+) living within <b>30</b>	Primary and preventive care, mental health, some specialty
White River Junction, VT 802-295-1868	miles of White River Junction	clinics, and dental care
	Note: Does not accept Medicaid patients	

**Eligibility:** There is no income limit.

Information / Application: Learn more and apply

Questions? Call 802-295-1868

## **Grace Cottage Hospital Network**

The hospital and this office are located in Windham County, but residents of **Chester and Springfield** can apply for financial help.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Grace Cottage Hospital	Financial help for	Hospital: primary care,
	residents of Chester and	specialty care, laboratory
Townshend, VT	Springfield*	services, emergency room, and
802-365-7357		more
Grace Cottage Family Health	Financial help for	Primary care
	residents of Chester and	
Townshend, VT	Springfield*	
802-365-4331		

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Financial help for non-urgent services is limited to residents of Windham County, as well as a few towns in Windsor and Bennington counties. There is no residency requirement to get financial help for emergency services – you can live anywhere in Vermont.

Eligibility: You may qualify if your income is under 350% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Information / Application: Learn more and apply

**Questions?** Contact the patient account specialist at 802-365-3770 or <a href="mailto:jsmith@gracecottage.org">jsmith@gracecottage.org</a>

#### Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center Network

The hospital and these health centers in Windsor County are part of the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center network. You can apply for financial help for their services.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center	Serves residents who live within <b>50 miles</b> of	Hospital: primary care, specialty care, laboratory
	Mt. Ascutney Hospital	services, emergency room, and
Windsor, VT	(Windsor, VT)	more
802-674-6711		
Ottauquechee Health Center	Serves residents who	Primary care, specialty care,
	live within 50 miles of	psychiatry, and more
Woodstock, VT	Mt. Ascutney Hospital	
802-457-3030	(Windsor, VT)	

Eligibility: You may qualify if your income is under 325% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

**Resources:** The hospital may look at your resources if they are over a certain amount. For example: cash, money in savings and checking accounts, second homes, etc.

**Information / Application:** Learn more and apply

Questions? Contact a financial counselor at 802-674-7471

**Note:** For additional information about financial help for health care services in the region, please contact Mt. Ascutney Health Connections at 802-674-7213.

#### **North Star Health Network**

These health centers in Windsor County are part of the North Star Health network. You can apply for financial help for their services.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Ludlow Health Center	★ Open to all Vermont residents	Primary care, behavioral health, and more
Ludlow, VT		
802-228-8867		
Springfield Health Center	★ Open to all Vermont	Primary care, behavioral
	residents	health, and more
Springfield, VT		
802-886-8900		

Eligibility: You may qualify if your income is under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Information / Application: Learn more and apply

Questions? Contact Valley Health Connections for help at 802-885-1616

## **Planned Parenthood of Northern New England**

You can apply for a sliding scale discount (financial help) at this location.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
White River Junction Health	★ Open to all	Sexual health and wellness,
Center		gender affirming care, limited
		primary care services, and
White River Junction, VT		telehealth
802-281-6056		

Eligibility: You may qualify if your income is under 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

**Information / Application:** There is no application for the sliding scale discount.

**Questions?** Call the general call center at 1-866-476-1321

#### **Springfield Hospital Network**

You can apply for financial help here.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Springfield Hospital	★ Open to all Vermont residents	Hospital: specialty care, laboratory services, emergency
Springfield, VT 802-885-2151		*Note: primary care is offered through their partner, North Star Health network (listed above).

#### Eligibility

- **Income:** You may qualify if your income is under <u>300% of the Federal Poverty Level</u> (FPL).
- **Resources:** The hospital may also look at your resources if they are over \$10,000. For example: cash, money in savings and checking accounts, second homes, etc.

**Information / Application:** Learn more and apply

Questions? Contact Valley Health Connections for help at 802-885-1616