

NEW MEXICO

Community Benefit Requirement

New Mexico requires nonprofit and for-profit hospitals to provide community benefits as a condition for licensure.

The New Mexico Department of Health issues licenses to acute-care, general, and limited service hospitals that agree, among other things, to participate in Medicaid, Medicare, and county indigent care programs, and to serve nonpaying and low-income reimbursed patients. [N.M. Stat. §24-1-5.8 \(C\)\(2\) & \(C\)\(5\).](#)

Minimum Community Benefit Requirement

New Mexico does not require nonprofit hospitals to provide a specified level of community benefits.

Community Benefit Reporting Requirement

New Mexico requires hospitals to report costs associated with the charity care they provide.

The New Mexico Department of Health requires all acute care hospitals—and all limited services hospitals licensed after January 1, 2003—to report annually the cost of care to nonpaying and low-income reimbursed patients. [N.M. Code R. §7.7.2.8 \(M\).](#)

All licensed non-federal hospitals are also required to report data on charity care charges and bad debt to the New Mexico Health Policy Commission on an annual basis. [N.M. Code R. §7.1.24.8-.12.](#)

Community Health Needs Assessment

New Mexico does not require nonprofit hospitals to conduct community health needs assessments.

Community Benefit Plan/Implementation Strategy

New Mexico does not require nonprofit hospitals to develop community benefit plans or implementation strategies.



Financial Assistance Policy

New Mexico does not expressly require nonprofit hospitals to adopt or implement financial assistance policies.

Although New Mexico does not expressly require hospitals to adopt or implement financial assistance policies, Department of Health regulations provide that every patient is entitled to examine and receive an explanation of his or her hospital bill and may receive, upon request, information relating to financial assistance available through the hospital. [N.M. Code R. §7.7.2.19\(A\)\(1\)\(m\)](#).

Each licensed non-federal hospital is required to submit its charity care policy, including the qualifying income levels, to the Health Policy Commission on an annual basis. [N.M. Code R. §7.1.24.8\(C\)](#).

Financial Assistance Policy Dissemination

New Mexico requires nonprofit and for-profit hospitals to provide to patients upon request information relating to financial assistance available through the hospital. [N.M. Code R. §7.7.2.19\(A\)\(1\)\(m\)](#).

Limitations on Charges, Billing, and Collections

New Mexico law does not limit nonprofit hospital charges or billing and collection practices, other than recognizing that patients have the right to receive and examine an explanation of their bills. [N.M. Code R. §7.7.2.19\(A\)\(1\)\(m\)](#).

Income Tax Exemption

New Mexico law exempts nonprofit hospitals from state income tax.

New Mexico law exempts from state income tax nonprofit organizations that are exempt from federal tax under the Internal Revenue Code. [N.M. Stat. §7-2A-4\(C\)](#).

Property Tax Exemption

New Mexico exempts property used for charitable purposes from state property tax. [N. M. Const., art. VIII §3](#).

Sales Tax Exemption

Although New Mexico has no sales tax, it exempts from gross receipts tax organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3). [N.M. Stat. Ann. §7-9-29 \(A\)](#).

