HEALTHLINK DEFINITIONS

AFFORDABLE ELECTIVE CARE – Service(s) that can be withheld or deferred with low or no long term clinical consequences to the patient.

AMOUNT GENERALLY BILLED – The amount generally billed for emergency or other medically necessary care to individuals who have insurance covering such care.

EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION ACTION (ECA) – Actions the Internal Revenue Service deems "extraordinary" means of collecting debt to include: reporting to collection agencies, selling individuals debt to another party and pursuing legal action against an individual.

EXPENSES – All reasonable and necessary costs associated with the household and residence. Essential expenses would include, but may not be limited to the following: rent/mortgage, groceries, telephone, electric, cable, heat, car payment, water/sewer.

FACILITY SERVICES – Any service provided by a department of the hospital regardless of location. (e.g. laboratory, medical imaging, surgical services)

HEALTHLINK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – Financial Assistance provided to those who qualify based on clinical necessity and income/asset guidelines up to 300% of the federal poverty level for facility services. **HOUSEHOLD** – Household members shall consist of members sharing a household who have a legal union (blood, marriage, civil or adoption) and/or those with no legal union that fall into one of the following categories: (In the case of a pregnancy, the fetus will not be counted as part of the household until birth.)

- a. Any other person who is claimed on the applicant's tax return.
- b. Unmarried adults residing together in the same legal residence for at least 12 months.
- c. Unrelated household members that own joint property and/or have joint financial accounts.
- d. Unmarried couples living under the same roof with a mutual child.

INCOME – Household income is the total combined income of a 12 month period of all members of the household (see Household definition) who share financial responsibility in a household. This includes compensation from employment, net income from business, farm or rent, dividends, interest, social security payments and any other income received by members of the household. The following may be considered income: (To be eligible applicant must file tax returns when required by state and/or federal law.)

- a. Tax reported income
- b. Non-retirement Investments (CD's, stocks, bonds, mutual funds)
- c. Retirement Investments
- d. Recreational vehicles
- e. Excessive expenses/Discretionary Spending
- f. Open lines of credit
- g. Timeshare Ownership
- h. Other sources of income such as but not limited to: savings, alimony, child support, interest.

MEDICALLY NECESSARY - Service(s) that, IF withheld or deferred, may cause long term clinical consequences to the patient.

MEDICARE EQUIVALENT PAYMENT - A payment equal to the amount Medicare would have paid the healthcare provider if the patient was eligible for Medicare coverage.

PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY – A means of assessing whether a patient qualifies for assistance without the patient having to complete an application or providing supporting documentation.

PROVIDER SERVICES – Any service provided by a primary care provider or specialist that is billed independently.

