

We have a sliding fee scale available for clients who have a documented financial need. This policy provides general, minimum requirements for the sliding fee scale for clients at the Welch-Schmidt Center for Communication Disorders. Clients with documented financial need may receive services at a reduced fee if application for assistance is approved. Thorough and consistent guidelines for the sliding fee scale ensure that all clients are treated equally.

Sliding Fee Scale Procedures

1. All income must be verified in order to qualify for the sliding fee scale.
2. Clients are asked to provide records of all income to the Director of Clinical Services, Deborah Galley, preferably before their second session at the clinic.
3. Income verification documents may be faxed to 660-543-8234 or mailed.
4. Acceptable means of income verification include pay stubs for everyone working in the household or current income tax forms. If you work for cash or are unemployed, a letter stating your situation is acceptable.
5. The sliding fee scale is reviewed and changed annually to reflect any changes in the guidelines necessary for this plan.
6. Any income or family size **must** be reported to the clinic. "Family" is defined for these purposes as mother, father, children, significant other, husband, wife, and any dependent adult or child who is support by the family unit and benefits from the combined household income. Roommates do not qualify as family.
7. Income changes that must be reported include:
 1. Employment or becoming self-employed
 2. Loss of employment or business
 3. An increase or decrease in wages
 4. A change in eligibility for unemployment, workers compensation, disability, SSI, SSD, child support, or retirement benefits
 5. Bankruptcy filings
 6. Becoming a landlord, manager, or caretaker
 7. Receipt of payment of child support
 8. Change in responsibility for account
8. Family size changes:
 1. Marriage
 2. Change in domestic partner living arrangements
 3. Divorce or separation
 4. Birth
 5. Death
 6. Adoption
9. Contact information changes:
 1. Name
 2. Address
 3. Phone

If you have questions about the fee policy or about your ability to pay for services, you may contact the Director of Clinical Services, Deborah Galley to confidentially discuss your concerns. You may reach Ms. Galley at 660-543-8378 galley@ucmo.edu .