

## Legislation Text

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### Sliding Fee Schedules

The Department of Health and Human Services has updated the federal poverty guidelines for 2019.

FQHC - Physical Health is required to provide services at a discounted rate for those individuals and families who earn annual income up to and including 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health programs included in the FQHC are required to follow section 330(k) (3) (G) for the Public Health Services Act, 42 USC. A nominal fee/flat rate based on poverty levels for dental, medical and laboratory services was previously approved by the Governing Council and is referenced on the attached form. The federal poverty guidelines have changed, and we are requesting to update our sliding fee scale accordingly as of April 1, 2019.

The Family Planning Program under Title X of the Public Health Services Act, 42 USC e, and Illinois State regulations under the Illinois Family Planning Services Code, 77 Illinois Admin Code 635, region V requires a schedule of discounts for income up to 250% of the federal poverty guidelines with 5-8 breaks, which must be no higher than 25% and proportional, we have 5 break. This change in federal poverty guidelines is requested to go into effect on July 1, 2019.

To adopt the updated Department of Health and Human Services federal poverty guidelines for the sliding fee scales for Medical, Family Planning, Behavioral Health and Dental services provided in the FQHC - Physical Health as of April 1, 2019 and July 1, 2019 as recommended.