

Restoring Medicine: a movement to reestablish hospitals as a sanctuary for the sick and injured

Hospital Code of Ethics

Hospitals have a strong tradition of serving communities and helping people regardless of their race, creed, or ability to pay.

This Code aims to be patient-centered so as to uphold the public trust between the American people and American hospitals.

As a medical center, we abide by the Restoring Medicine Hospital Code of Ethics that has been developed to uphold a culture of integrity with transparent medical pricing and honest and fair billing practices.

We as a medical center agree to the following principles:

- We will never sue a patient who is unable to pay their bill due to financial hardship
- We will never harm a patient's credit score for an unpaid medical bill greater than the Medicare allowable amount
- We will charge fair and transparent prices for procedures and medical services and that our prices will not exceed 2x the reference-based price found on [Healthcare Bluebook](#)
- We will post prices on our hospital's website for common and shoppable services
- When a patient's out-of-pocket costs is influenced by our hospital's charges, we pledge to bill the patient with one comprehensive finalized bill
- We will work with our physicians to be in-network for the major payors and if not, we will work with those physicians to accept a payment not greater than 2X the Medicare allowable amount
- We will inform every patient of a financial aid program that we make available to our patients who have a low income or have financial hardship

Hospital name: _____

Date: _____

Name of Signee: _____

Signature: _____