

Bridgeway Counseling Center

Discounted Fee Policy



It is the policy of Bridgeway Counseling Center to provide essential psychological services regardless of the client's ability to pay. Bridgeway Counseling therefore offers discounted fees using a sliding fee scale for those who may not have insurance coverage and/or cannot afford standard fees for services.

Bridgeway's discounted fees are based on current national poverty guidelines, which is a standard way of determining discounted fees. This does not mean that clients cannot receive discounted fees if they do not meet poverty guidelines, but poverty guidelines are used as a starting point in determining fees.

National poverty guidelines consider both total household income and the number of people in a given household.

Bridgeway's sliding/discounted fee scale includes a nominal fee (or no cost if clients are

unable to pay nominal fees) for those who do meet national poverty guidelines based on annual household income and number of people living in the household.

Bridgeway's sliding/discounted fee scale also includes reduced fees for those whose household income equals 125%, 150%, 175%, or 200% of national poverty guidelines.

Clients must complete a brief sliding/discounted fee application to receive these discounted fees as way to show that discounted fees are offered as fairly as possible. The information clients provide on this application is only used to determine fair fees and is not shared or used in any other way. Once approved, the discount will be honored for six months, after which the client must reapply.

Discount Application Process

A completed application including required documentation of the home address, household income, and insurance coverage must be on file and approved by the business office before a discount will be granted. If the applicant appears to be eligible for Medicaid, a written denial of coverage by Medicaid may also be required.

Adolescent patients seeking confidential care are exempt from the application process, and services are provided at the nominal rate.