

LORETTO HOSPITAL  
POLICY

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**SCOPE:**

This policy is in effect for Loretto Hospital's Emergency Department.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

To establish a written policy that requires Loretto Hospital's emergency department to provide for the emergency medical care of individuals coming to the emergency department without discrimination, including without regard to the patient's ability or inability to pay for such care or the patient's eligibility for financial assistance, and to prohibit actions that would discourage individuals from seeking such emergency medical care.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Definitions can be found in the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act ("EMTALA") Policy (Policy No. ED-1406).

**POLICY:**

Loretto Hospital, and its emergency department, will provide, without discrimination, care to individuals for emergency medical conditions, regardless of the individual's ability or inability to pay for such care, and regardless of whether the individual is eligible under Loretto Hospital's Financial Assistance Policy. Loretto Hospital is prohibited from engaging in actions that discourage individuals from seeking emergency medical care, such as by demanding that emergency department patients pay before receiving treatment for emergency medical conditions or by permitting debt collection activities that interfere with the provision of emergency medical care without discrimination. Loretto Hospital shall provide care for emergency medical conditions as required by EMTALA and its implementing regulations, by providing medical screening examinations and stabilizing treatment and referring or transferring an individual to another facility when appropriate. In addition, Loretto Hospital shall provide care for emergency medical conditions in accordance with Subchapter G of Chapter IV of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulations (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Standards and Certification).

**PROCEDURE:**

Specific procedures can be found in the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act ("EMTALA") Policy.

Loretto Hospital shall implement this policy by consistently carrying it out and by providing emergency medical services as required by law, regulation, and policy.