

Attestation for Uninsured Patients

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has changed many things about health insurance options in the United States. It is important for South Carolinians to understand the various options for health coverage that may be available. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) reimburses hospitals for the costs of providing health care to the uninsured. SCDHHS requires that hospitals make uninsured patients aware of their health coverage options. This form documents that health coverage options have been explained to all uninsured patients.

This coverage option has been explained to me (check all that apply)	I have applied for this coverage since 10/1/2013 (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicare (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsidized Health Insurance at the Federal Marketplace (Exchange)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Employer-sponsored Health Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Privately Purchased Health Insurance

By signing below, I verify that the above information is correct.

Signature of Patient (or Authorized Rep.)

Date

Name of Patient (please print)

Patient's Date of Birth

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If a patient is unwilling or unable to sign this form, a hospital employee may provide the following certification in lieu of a patient signature. I certify that this hospital presented this form to this patient and presented health coverage options to this patient and that the patient (or their authorized representative) was:

Unwilling or Unable to complete the attestation.

Signature of Hospital Employee

Date

Name (please print)

Title

Pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), many uninsured patients will face a penalty if they fail to acquire insurance. See 26 USC § 5000A(a): "An applicable individual shall for each month beginning after 2013 ensure that the individual, and any dependent of the individual who is an applicable individual, is covered under minimum essential coverage for such month." See also 26 USC § 5000A(b)(1): "If a taxpayer who is an applicable individual ... fails to meet the requirement of subsection (a) for 1 or more months, then, except as provided in subsection (e), there is hereby imposed on the taxpayer a penalty with respect to such failures..."