Uncompensated Care Claims:

As defined in O.C.G.A. § 31-11-101 as a patient who:
(a) Has no medical insurance, including federal Medicare Part B coverage;
(b) Is not eligible for medical assistance coverage;
(c) Has no medical coverage for trauma care through workers’ compensation, automobile insurance, or any other third party, including any settlement or judgment resulting from such coverage;
(d) Has not paid for the trauma care provided by the trauma provider after documented attempts by the trauma care services provider to collect payment. O. C. G. A. Section 31-11-100 (4); and
(e) Where the recipient of services is making payment, any partial payment of less than 10 percent (of charges) on such self-pay accounts will qualify that account to be deemed as “uncompensated” for the purposes of this Uncompensated Care Services Program.

Uncompensated Care Eligibility Clarifications approved by Trauma Commission*:

A. Claims deemed qualified under Trauma Commission uncompensated care definition

1) Cases where financial counselors at the Trauma Center determined that the patients qualified for a charity program offered by the hospital whereby the account was written off and further attempts to collect were not made.

2) Cases where patients were victims of a crime and the Trauma Center received a small payment up to 10% of hospital charges from a third party charity.

3) Cases where patients were undocumented aliens and the Trauma Center received a small payment up to 10% of hospital charges from a third party charity.

4) Cases where insurance could not be verified.

B. Claims are deemed NOT qualified under Trauma Commission uncompensated care definition

1) Cases where the patient expired and the Trauma Center did not attempt to collect.

2) Cases where patients received settlements directly but did not pay the Trauma Center after repeated collection attempts.

3) Cases where there was a reciprocal agreement with another party for exchange of services and the Trauma Center did not attempt further collection procedures.

*Approved by the Georgia Trauma Commission on 17 March 2011

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