



Bristol Health
Hospital Bed Funds Policy

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PURPOSE:

Bristol Hospital may hold and administer hospital bed funds, which are comprised of gifts of money, stock, bonds, financial instruments, or other property generously made by any donor for the purpose of establishing a fund to provide medical care, including, but not limited to, inpatient or outpatient care, to patients at the hospital. This policy, which serves also as the required one (1) page summary, is intended to comply with Conn. Gen. Stat. §19a-509b, and describes hospital bed funds and how to apply for them.

POLICY/SUMMARY:

Any patient who receives medical care at Bristol Hospital may be eligible to receive an award of available hospital bed funds in an amount determined by a Bristol Health Financial Representative, to assist in the payment of such care. Hospital bed funds are separate from financial assistance, as described in the hospital’s *Financial Assistance Policy* (available on Bristol Hospital’s website).

In order to apply for hospital bed funds, a patient must complete and submit the *Financial Assistance, Charity Care and Hospital Bed Funds Application*, which can be obtained as described below, and indicate that he/she wishes to receive bed funds. A patient qualifies to receive available hospital bed funds if he/she is eligible for financial assistance. Bristol Health Financial Representatives may, at their sole discretion, waive one or more of the financial assistance eligibility criteria in order to enable a patient to receive bed funds. The amount of any award, and how it will be applied toward payment of the patient’s care, shall be determined by the representative without discrimination; and to help the greatest number of eligible patients who are truly in need. If a patient’s application for bed funds is rejected for any reason, he/she may reapply. Any award of hospital bed funds is dependent upon the availability of funds, and additional funds may become available on an annual basis.

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION:

To learn more about hospital bed funds, obtain the *Financial Assistance, Charity Care and Hospital Bed Funds Application*, or for any help with the process, please contact Bristol Hospital as follows:

- Website:** <https://www.bristolhealth.org/patients-and-visitors/cost-care-and-financial-assistance>
- Telephone:** 860-585-3035
- By Mail:** Bristol Health
Attn: Financial Representative
41 Brewster Road, Bristol, CT 06010
- In Person:** Bristol Hospital, Main Campus, Level A

REFERENCE: Conn. Gen. Stat. §19a-509b

Approved by the BOD 4/29/2026