

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center Patient Financial Assistance Policy  
Appendix III - AGB Information Sheet

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center determines Amounts Generally Billed (AGB) on an annual basis using the “look-back method,” described under Treasury Regulation Section 1.501(r)- 5(b)(1).

**1. AGB Calculation:**

- Each year, FHCC’s Finance department gathers data on every claim for the fiscal year that has an ending receivable balance of <\$25.
- This includes claims with the discharge date for the prior fiscal year. FHCC’s fiscal year is July 1 through the following June 30.
- Self-Pay claims are excluded.
- FHCC’s annual AGB percentage is equal to the sum of amounts paid by third party payers divided by the sum of the associated gross charges for those claims during the prior fiscal year.

**The calculation is summarized as follows:**

$$\text{AGB\%} = \text{Prior Fiscal Year Total Insurance Payments} / \text{Total Gross Charges.}$$

**2. Timing and Use of AGB:**

- FHCC’s Finance Department will determine the current AGB percentage, and FHCC will begin applying the current AGB percentage, within 120 days of the end of each fiscal year.
- Patients who are deemed eligible for financial assistance in accordance with FHCC’s Patient Financial Assistance Policy will not be charged more than amounts generally billed (“AGB”) to individuals who are covered by insurance. Eligible patients with insurance coverage will not be personally responsible to pay more than AGB after all payments by the health insurer have been applied.

3. **Effective** December 1, 2021, SCCA’s AGB is **46.7%** (based on fiscal year 2021 claims data).