

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**SUBJECT:** FINANCIAL DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**POLICY NO.** 519

PURPOSE:: To ensure that the patient's financial resources, third- party coverage and/or program eligibility are identified prior to hospital discharge.

POLICY:: Each hospital shall establish procedures which will ensure that the financial resources of all patients are determined prior to hospital discharge. If unable to determine the patients' resources prior to discharge, DHS shall contact the patient/responsible relative as per procedure in Financial Practice 515.01.

**CROSS
REFERENCES::** DHS Policy Nos.:

374 "Discharge of Hospital Patients"
515 "Registration/Financial Screening"

Financial Practice Policies:

515.01 "Inpatient Admission and Discharge Procedures Related
to Patient Financial Screening"

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