

How to find low-cost health care in Bennington County

1. Read about the hospitals and health clinics and their financial assistance policies.

- **If you are looking at this online:** Click on the blue links to learn more.
- **If you are looking at this on paper:** Call the hospital or health clinic and ask them to mail you the plain language summary of their financial assistance policy and an application.

2. Call the hospital or health clinic if you have questions.

- Example: Are you accepting new patients?
- Example: Do you think I might qualify for financial assistance? (Be ready to tell them your income and household size.)

3. Fill out an application and send it to the hospital or health clinic.

Download the application for the hospital or clinic by clicking on the **“Apply”** link. If you do not have a printer, call the hospital or clinic. Ask them to mail you a paper copy. Or call the Office of the Health Care Advocate for help at **1-800-917-7787**.

Battenkill Valley Health Center

You can apply for financial help here.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Battenkill Valley Health Center Arlington, VT 802-375-6566	★ Open to all Vermont residents	Primary care, behavioral health, laboratory services, dental care, and more

Eligibility: You may qualify if your income is under [200% of the Federal Poverty Level \(FPL\)](#).

Information / Application: [Learn more and apply](#).

Questions? Contact a patient services representative at 802-375-6566 or info@bvhcvt.org.

Bennington Free Clinic

The Bennington Free Clinic is also called the “Dr. G. Richard Dundas Free Clinic.” You may qualify for financial help here.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Bennington Free Clinic Bennington, VT 802-447-3700	Must be an adult (age 16+) resident of Bennington County	Primary care Note: Very limited hours

Eligibility: You may qualify if your income is under [400% of the Federal Poverty Level \(FPL\)](#). You must also be uninsured or have catastrophic insurance.

Information / Application: [Learn more](#). There is no application.

Questions? Call the Bennington Free Clinic at 802-447-3700.

Southwestern Vermont Health Care Network

The hospital and offices are part of the Southwestern Vermont Health Care network. You can apply for financial help for their services.

Hospital / Clinic	Service Area	Services
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) Bennington, VT 802-442-6361	★ Open to all Vermont residents	Hospital: primary care, specialty care, laboratory services, emergency room, urgent care, dental, and more Note: Financial assistance cannot be used for dental care.
SVMC Northshire Campus Manchester, VT 802-362-4440	★ Open to all Vermont residents	Primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, nutritional counseling, and more
SVMC Pownal Campus Pownal, VT 802-681-2780	★ Open to all Vermont residents	Primary care

(See next page for eligibility and application)

Southwestern Vermont Health Care Network (continued)

Eligibility

- **Free Care:** You may qualify for free care (pay \$0) if your income is under [250% of the Federal Poverty Level \(FPL\)](#).
- **Low-Cost Care:** You may qualify for a 75% discount if your household income is below [400% FPL](#).
- **Resources:** The hospital may deny your application if your household's total liquid resources are more than [400% FPL](#) for your household size. Liquid resources are things like cash and money in savings and checking accounts. (Your main home and cars and money held in retirement accounts will **not** count against you.)

Information / Application

- **English:** [Learn more](#) and [apply](#)
- **Spanish:** [Resumen en lenguaje sencillo](#) y [asistencia financiera/formulario de atención gratuita](#)

Questions? Call financial counseling at 802-440-4083 or 802-447-4502.