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Tampa General Hospital POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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[POLICY REFERRED TO IN THIS POLICY IS AVAILABLE ON THE TGH PORTAL](#)

TGH’s Emergency Department will provide care, without discrimination, for Emergency Medical Conditions (EMC) (as defined under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA)) to individuals regardless of their eligibility under TGH’s [\(Financial Assistance Policy LD-107\)](#).

TGH and its personnel will not engage in any actions that discourage individuals from seeking Emergency Medical Care, including, without limitation:

- TGH will not demand payment before treatment of an EMC.
- TGH will not engage in or permit “debt collection activities” in its Emergency Department or other areas of the hospital where such activities could interfere with the provision of emergency care.

“Debt collection” and “debt collection activities” shall have their common meaning until the same are defined in regulations or rules promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code, in which event the IRS definition shall apply.

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