## **FINANCIAL ASSITANCE POLICY**

## **WVU Hospitals Policy II.015**

## **CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS GENERALLY BILLED (AGB)**

To calculate *Amounts Generally Billed (AGB)*, we have chosen to use a "look-back" method based on actual past claims paid to WVUH by Medicare fee-for-service together with all private health insurers. This calculation is based on all Medicare and private health insurance volume for inpatient and outpatient acute services in calendar year 2014.

Payer Group	Total Inpatient and Outpatient Charges for 2013	Total Inpatient and Outpatient Discounts for 2013	Discount Rate for 2013 Inpatient and Outpatient Services for 2013
Medicare	\$591,258,335	\$387,576,952	66%
All Private Health Insurers	\$365,677,455	\$59,447,289	16%
Combined Medicare and	\$956,935,790	\$447,024,241	47%
Insurance Reimbursement			

Based on the data listed above, WVUH allowed a 66% discount for Medicare volume, and a 16% discount for Private Health Insurance in 2014. The blended discount rate for this volume is equivalent to 47%. The policy allows for a discount that is the greater of 50% or the AGB Calculation. Therefore, the discount effective September 1, 2015 will be 50% and will be recalculated annually (Next Update May 1, 2016).