

## **TITLE: "eRecovery" Medication Assistance Program**

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## Purpose:

Patients may qualify for free or reduced-cost medications under the "eRecovery" Medication Assistance Program offered by some drug companies. This program helps patients with the costs of medication administered and/or dispensed during their hospital stay. If a patient is uninsured or underinsured, he or she may qualify for free or reduced costs medications via various programs.

The program is administered through the Pharmacy Department; financial representatives at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Providence Holy Family Hospital can provide assistance to patients and help them determine if they qualify for the programs.

## **Policy:**

The Medical Executive Committees of PSHMC and PHFH have granted the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center & Children's Hospital and Providence Holy Family Hospital the authority to complete and to sign, on behalf of the prescribing physicians on the medical staff, a Physician Authorization Form (PAF). The PAF grants representatives conducting the Medical Assistance Program the authority to complete patient application forms and to confirm, on behalf of the said physicians, that any and all prescriptions issued were issued in accordance with the laws of the State and were medically necessary for treatment during or after care provided within the medical center or hospitals.

Physicians with medical staff privileges at the above facilities shall be covered by the authorization granted by the MEC to the CMO of the above facilities.

Concept endorsed 1/2017 Joint MEC meeting Official policy developed, approved 8/2017 PSHMC and PHFH MECs