**PRIVATE PAY DISCOUNT POLICY**

**Purpose**

This policy establishes the qualifications for a blanket discount offered by GCAS. This discount is available to all private pay patients who receive care from GCAS that meet the terms listed within this document. GCAS is committed to assisting its private pay population, which includes patients who do not qualify for relief under the GCAS Financial Assistance Policy and also for patients that have health insurance but have out-of-pocket responsibilities.

**Procedure**

The following discounts will apply for private pay patients:

* For uninsured patients that do not qualify for assistance under the Financial Assistance Policy, a discount of 20% of the account balance will be allowed if the patient pays the balance in full within 63 days of date of mailing of patient’s first account statement.
* For patients that have health insurance but have been left with an out-of-pocket account responsibility derived from a non-covered service, co-payment, co-insurance or deductible amount, a discount of 10% of the account balance will be allowed if the patient pays the balance in full within 63 days of date of mailing patient’s first account statement.

Services provided by outside vendors are not covered under this policy and questions related to discounts should be referred to the vendor directly (i.e. labs or other medical professionals or services not employed by GCAS).

This policy does not apply to groups that have already been provided a discount under their respective contracts with GCAS, if any.

Patients will receive written notification of the above policy on their first account statement.