Do I have to pay back bills covered by EMSA?
No.

Will the Hospital report information about me to Immigration officials?
No. The US Government does not get information related to medical care except in ongoing terrorism or criminal investigations.

For more information please call:
UNM Hospital Patient Financial Services
(505) 272-2521
EMSA (Emergency Medical Services for Aliens) is a Medicaid program available to people who experience an emergency and do not qualify for regular Medicaid due to immigration status.

Who qualifies?

- Immigrants who are:
  - Undocumented (or otherwise barred from regular Medicaid due to immigration status)
  - Low income
  - Eligible for Medicaid if he/she were a U.S. citizen
  - Had “emergency medical services” in the last 90 days.
  - Living in New Mexico.

If you are undocumented and had qualified emergency treatment but are not qualified for EMSA, you may be qualified for another government program called Section 1011.

What is covered?

Emergency medical services that follow Medicaid guidelines, including labor and delivery.

What do I need to do?

- **If you are pregnant:**
  At 34 weeks of pregnancy it is important that you pre-register in Admitting at the University of New Mexico Hospitals (UNMH). It is located on the first floor of the main hospital. (You only need to take your appointment card at this time.)

- **If you had other emergency treatment:**
  Please talk to a Patient Financial Representative before you leave the Hospital or call Patient Financial Services at 272-2521 to see if you qualify for EMSA or Section 1011. A representative can speak to you in Spanish.

Where do I apply?

- You may apply at the Admitting Office on the 1st floor of the Main Hospital or at Patient Financial Services located at 1131 University Blvd NE, Suite D, Albuquerque, NM 87102
- You have **5 days from your interview with the Patient Service Representative** to turn in the necessary documents or your application will be sent to ISD as incomplete. After that you will need to go to the New Mexico Human Services Department Office to complete the application process and provide any missing documentation.

What do I need?

- Picture ID
- Proof of income for the last 30 days
- Proof of residence. *(If you are coming to the hospital to deliver a baby, please bring these documents with you.)*

How will I know if I qualified?

You will receive a letter from the Human Services Department in about 45 days. *(It is important you bring this letter to the Promotora or you may take it to Patient Financial Services at 1131 University Blvd NE, Suite D. Without this letter the hospital cannot bill EMSA for the medical services and ultimately you are responsible for the bill.)*