

**Bellevue Hospital Center**  
South Manhattan Healthcare Network

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**HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION  
BELLEVUE HOSPITAL CENTER - ARTIST ACCESS PROGRAM**

In recognition of the beneficial effects of creative activity on well-being, the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) has initiated an innovative *ArtistAccess* Program, an extension of its HHC Options program. Through this program, musicians, dancers, visual and dramatic artists may offer their special skills to patients, lifting spirits, bringing hope and providing distraction. This program enables an exchange of creative services for medical services. With *ArtistAccess*, for each hour of an arts activity provided for patients, \$40 worth of healthcare is credited to a personalized account from which to draw charged fees for medical care. Please read on for an overview of the new *ArtistAccess*/HHC Options Program at Bellevue.

**HHC Options Program\***

HHC Options is *not an insurance* program, it is an HHC program that can help people pay their bills and apply for public health insurance. If you do not qualify for public health insurance, you may qualify for reduced fees. Fees are based on income/family size and generally range from \$15 to \$60 per visit which covers most outpatient services. Income-based fees also apply to other specialized services. HHC Options is unique because this program covers medically necessary services for adults and children such as:

- # Emergency room and clinic visits
- # Ancillary services
- # Blood tests and most x-rays
- # Ambulatory surgery\*\*
- # MRI testing \*\*
- # Inpatient services\*\*

**Eligibility for HHC Options**

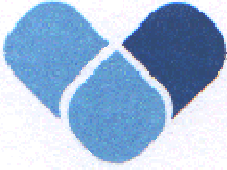
Uninsured individuals who are not eligible for government programs such as Medicaid because of income or immigration status are eligible for HHC Options. The program is available to New York City residents; creative artists only are eligible for the *ArtistAccess* component of the program.

**Enrollment in HHC Options and *ArtistAccess***

Call the Bellevue Referral Center at 212/562-1222 for assistance on how to apply. You will be asked to meet with a Financial Counselor to determine your eligibility for HHC Options. You will then be referred to the Activity Therapy Department to discuss an arts exchange plan based on your creative modality.

\*More detailed information may be obtained from the brochure 'HHC Options: A Program Just for You', available in the Business Office.

\*\*Coverage for Inpatient Services will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis



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**Arts Application Form**

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**A review process and interview will allow us to match an artist’s talents and interests with a particular group of hospitalized patients. Audiences may be comprised of inpatients undergoing a variety of treatments, outpatients awaiting clinic visits, and may range from children to the elderly. This application is designed to provide preliminary information about your arts modality and your ideas for providing creative services at Bellevue. After your interview with a financial counselor, he/she will coordinate an appointment with the Activity Therapy Department to discuss your artistic plan.**

**Artist’s Name:**

**Artistic Discipline:**

**Address:**

**Telephone Numbers:** Home  
Work  
Cell

**Please attach a narrative bio of no more than 200 words, including a brief description of the artistic project/services you envision providing at Bellevue. Please include what equipment/supplies/space would be needed for this project.**