

Free & Low-Cost Immediate Medical Detox Options

Berkeley, Charleston & Dorchester Counties - call-first guide for urgent withdrawal situations

Important safety warning: Alcohol, benzodiazepine/Xanax/Valium/Klonopin, barbiturate, and heavy multi-substance withdrawal can be medically dangerous. If the person has seizures, confusion, hallucinations, chest pain, severe dehydration, suicidal thoughts, pregnancy, severe shaking, or a history of withdrawal seizures, call **911** or go to the nearest emergency room now.

Purpose: This list is limited to places a person can contact or go to right away. It does not include waitlist-only residential programs. Availability can still change by bed count, medical screening, insurance, and safety needs.

Fastest Steps

Step	Situation	What to do
1	Danger signs or severe withdrawal	Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Hospitals can medically evaluate and stabilize withdrawal, even if they are not a rehab program.
2	Need detox placement now, but not actively dying	Call Charleston Center at 843-958-3300 and ask for Withdrawal Management / Detox. Their detoxification, residential units, and helpline are listed as open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
3	Adult 18+ with substance use plus mental health needs	Call Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health at 843-747-5830. They list 24/7 no-cost level-of-care assessments and adult psychiatrist-led medical detox.
4	No income or very low income	Use the hospital first if medically unsafe. After care, ask billing for financial assistance / charity care. Do not avoid the ER because of money if withdrawal is dangerous.

Immediate Detox / Medical Stabilization Options

Option	Location / Phone	What they can do	Cost / Access notes
Charleston Center (DAODAS) - Withdrawal Management / Detox	3685 Rivers Ave., Suite 301, North Charleston, SC 29405 Phone: 843-958-3300	County alcohol and drug authority serving Charleston County; services include Withdrawal Management / Detoxification, residential, inpatient and outpatient treatment. Detoxification, residential units and helpline are listed as open 24/7/365.	Call now. Ask: "Do you have detox intake available right now? If not, what is the safest next step today?" Ask about sliding scale/no-income options.
Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health - Adult Medical Detox	2777 Speissegger Dr., North Charleston, SC 29405 Phone: 843-747-5830 Toll-free: 877-947-3223	Private behavioral health hospital. Lists confidential no-cost assessments 24/7 and psychiatrist-led medical detox for adults 18+.	Call before going. Ask about immediate assessment, bed availability, Medicaid/Medicare/private insurance, and what happens if the person is uninsured/no income.
Nearest Hospital Emergency Room	Use closest ER or call 911.	Best for dangerous withdrawal, alcohol/benzodiazepine withdrawal, seizures, dehydration, pregnancy, chest pain, confusion, hallucinations, or suicidal thoughts. ERs can medically assess, stabilize, and transfer/refer.	This is the safest option when withdrawal may be life-threatening. Ask for hospital financial assistance after care if uninsured or low income.

Hospital ER Options by County

Use the nearest emergency room for severe or medically unsafe withdrawal. A hospital ER is not the same as a long-term rehab program, but it can be the right place for medical detox stabilization and safe referral.

Berkeley County

Facility	Address	Phone	Access	Low/no-income note
HCA Healthcare Moncks Corner ER, part of Trident Hospital	401 N Live Oak Dr, Moncks Corner, SC 29461	843-761-8721	Open 24 hours	HCA/Trident financial assistance may apply for emergency or medically necessary care.

Dorchester County

Facility	Address	Phone	Access	Low/no-income note
HCA Healthcare Summerville Hospital ER	295 Midland Pkwy, Summerville, SC 29485	843-832-5000	24-hour ER	HCA/Trident financial assistance may apply for emergency or medically necessary care.

Charleston County

Facility	Address	Phone	Access	Low/no-income note
MUSC Health Adult Emergency Department	96 Jonathan Lucas St, Charleston, SC 29425	843-792-2300	Open 24 hours	MUSC financial assistance may apply for eligible uninsured/underinsured patients.
Roper Hospital Emergency Room	316 Calhoun St, Charleston, SC 29401	843-724-2000	24-hour ER	Roper St. Francis financial assistance may apply for emergency/medically necessary care.
Roper Hospital Diagnostics & ER - Northwoods	7832 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, SC 29406	843-553-3072 / 843-824-8733	24 hours / 7 days	Roper St. Francis financial assistance may apply.
HCA Healthcare Trident Hospital ER	9330 Medical Plaza Dr, Charleston, SC 29406	843-797-7000	Hospital open; ER available	HCA/Trident financial assistance may apply.

How the Hospital Bill Can Be Reduced or Waived

Hospital system	Financial assistance summary
HCA / Trident / Summerville / Moncks Corner ER	Trident states financial relief may be available for non-elective care for patients unable to pay. In most cases, patients at 0-200% of the Federal Poverty Level can receive a 100% charity discount with supporting documentation. HCA also describes financial assistance for emergency and medically necessary care.
MUSC Health	MUSC has a financial assistance program and coverage scales based on household size and income. The application says eligibility decisions may take 4-6 weeks; call MUSC Customer Service at 843-792-2311 for questions.
Roper St. Francis Healthcare	Roper states financial assistance is available for emergency and other medically necessary care. Its policy says full charity care is provided to uninsured and underinsured patients earning 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level, with sliding-scale discounts for 201-400% FPL.

What to Bring / Ask For

Bring if available: photo ID, insurance/Medicaid/Medicare card if any, medication list, current substances used and last use time, history of seizures or DTs, pregnancy status, income proof or statement of no income, SNAP/Medicaid/disability proof, and a safe callback number.

Ask these exact questions:

Hi, I need medical detox or withdrawal help today. I have little or no income. Do you have immediate detox intake or medical stabilization available right now? If I need the ER, will someone help me apply for financial assistance or charity care after treatment?

Not the Right Fit for This Emergency List

Programs that only provide outpatient counseling, long waitlist residential treatment, sober living, 12-step meetings, or routine MAT appointments are important, but they are not listed here because this guide is limited to same-day medical detox / withdrawal stabilization options.

Sources Checked

- Charleston Center official Charleston County page: 3685 Rivers Ave., phone 843-958-3300; detoxification, residential units and helpline open 24/7/365; DAODAS page lists Withdrawal Management / Detoxification and 16 detox beds.
- Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health official pages: 2777 Speissegger Dr.; 843-747-5830; 24/7 no-cost assessments; adult psychiatrist-led medical detox age 18+.
- Trident Health / HCA pages: financial assistance and charity discount policies; Moncks Corner ER address/hours; Trident Hospital and Summerville Hospital emergency care pages.
- MUSC Health pages: Adult Emergency Department address and 24-hour emergency care; financial assistance page, policy and application.
- Roper St. Francis Healthcare pages: financial assistance policy/plain language summary; Roper Hospital 24-hour ER; Northwoods ER location and 24/7 hours.

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