

## County Indigent Health Care Program

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The Uvalde County Indigent Health Care Program will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Residents who meet the eligibility criteria may receive assistance for Basic Health Care Needs as listed in the Health and Safety Code Sec. 61.028.

Eligibility for the program is determined by reviewing residency, household composition, income and resources. Applicants with countable income in excess of 21% of the Federal Poverty Guideline do not qualify nor do those with countable resources in excess of \$2,000.00 (\$3,000.00 when a person who lives in the home is aged or disabled and meets relationship requirements.)

In summary, the rules are as follows:

- 1. Application must be completed.
- 2. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements of income, residency in Uvalde County, household composition and resources.
- 3. Applicant's income must be at or below 21% of the Federal Poverty Income Level.
- 4. Value of countable resources cannot exceed limits as determined by the Texas Department of State and Health Services.
- 5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Uvalde County and must intend to stay.
- 6. Applicant must provide all information and documentation requested or the application will be denied.
- 7. Applicants will be required to provide proof of application for Medicaid and SSI.
- 8. Applicants must be registered to work with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Without a written referral from a mandated provider, Uvalde County has no obligation of financial responsibility for non-emergency services or prescription medication rendered to eligible residents by non-mandated providers.

Presenting false information or securing medical benefits wrongfully may subject applicant to criminal and civil penalties. Eligible applicants must report any change in income, resources, household composition, address and other circumstances affecting eligibility within 14 days to prevent an investigation into the possible filing of criminal or civil charges against them.

Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

The County of Uvalde strictly adheres to equal treatment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, political belief or handicap.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 61.023(d), this Notice will be posted on the Uvalde County website <u>www.uvaldecounty.com</u>.