

PUBLIC NOTICE REAL COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

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The Real County Indigent Health Care Program (CIHCP) is a state mandated medical program for county residents that need medical service and do not qualify for other state or federal health care assistance programs. Real County's Indigent Health Care Program adheres to the regulations established by the Texas Department of Health under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act of 1985, as amended.

ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

- <u>RESIDENCY</u>: Available only to Real County residents as defined in Chapter 61 of the Health and Safety Code.
- <u>INCOME</u>: Monthly household income must be at or below 45% of the federal poverty level. A household is defined as a person living alone or two or more persons living together where legal responsibility for support exists, excluding disqualified persons.
- <u>RESOURCES</u>: Total countable household resources may not exceed \$2,000, or \$3,000 If the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled.
- <u>ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER HEALTH CARE</u>: Considered a program of "last resort". Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible, such as Medicaid or Social Security Disability. Applications will be pended for County Indigent Health Care until a decision is reached by other programs

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Application forms may be obtained at the following CIHCP location:

Real County Courthouse Annex

- PO Box 69, 193 S. US Hwy 83, Leakey, TX 78873
- Telephone (830) 232-6627; Fax (830) 232-6681
- Office hours: Monday Friday 8 am -5 pm (Closed 12 pm 1pm).
- 2. Application forms must be completed in full, signed and dated.
- 3. If deemed necessary, an interview appointment will be scheduled via letter.
- 4. Applicants must provide all requested information and documentation or applications will be denied.
- 5. Verification of residency, income, household composition and resources is required, if questionable.
- 6. Eligibility letter will be issued within 14 business days after the date a completed application and all required documentation is received by the CIHCP office.
- 7. Rules are subject to change with revision of the CIHCP Handbook.