



TOM GREEN COUNTY NEWS RELEASE

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Tom Green County Indigent Health Care Eligibility Standards

Sept 2009 — Tom Green County will continue to use the following rules and procedures to comply with its state mandated responsibility under the Indigent Health Care Treatment Act effective September 1, 2009

An application form can be obtained from the Tom Green County Indigent Health Care Office located at 19 North Irving, San Angelo, Texas. Assistance in completing the application will be provide upon request. Tom Green County will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Handbook, published by the Texas Department of State Health Services. In summary, the rules are as follows:

1. The application form must be completed in its entirety.
2. Verification of income, termination of income, residence, household composition, and resources are required information.
3. Net income is calculated utilizing a gross monthly screening table located in the County Indigent Health Care Program Manual.
4. Liquid resource assets cannot exceed \$2,000.00 or \$3,000.00 if the residence contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The equity value of an automobile cannot be greater than \$4,650.00. Personal property and homesteads are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be residents of Tom Green County and must intend to stay.
6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation requested or applications will be denied.
7. Applicants will be required to provide proof of application for SSI.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 61.030 Tom Green County has designated La Esperanza Clinic; Shannon Medical Center and affiliates; San Angelo Community Medical Center and affiliates; Shannon Clinic and affiliates; San Angelo Regional Employee Assistance Program as the mandated providers for indigent health care services. Shannon PAP Pharmacy has been designated for prescriptions services.

Tom Green County will only accept and pay the standard payment rate (approximately Medicaid rates) as determined by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Tom Green County will pay inpatient medical bills by percentage rates until further notice. Tom Green County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reevaluate the payment method at anytime; all parties will be notified if payment method changes.

Tom Green County has no financial responsibility for Non-Emergency Services or Prescriptions rendered to eligible residents by Non-Mandated Providers.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 61.023 this Press Release will be posted on www.co.tom-green.tx.us website and will be sent to all local media.