

## **Terrell County Indigent Health Care Eligibility Standards**

August 2016 -- Terrell County, Texas will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its state-mandated responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. The Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act is an attempt to address the needs of indigent Texas residents who do not qualify for other health care assistance programs.

Eligibility determinations will be based on residency, income, household composition, and resources. Qualified applicant income will not exceed the amount specified on the gross monthly screening table located in the County Indigent Health Care Program Manual at 21% of the Federal Poverty level.

An application form for the program may be obtained at the Terrell County Judge's Office in the Terrell County Courthouse in Sanderson, Texas. Assistance in completing the application will be provided upon request. Eligibility determination will be made within 14 (fourteen) business days after the date a completed application and all required documentation is received by Terrell County Indigent Health Care Program in the County Judge's office.

Terrell County authorizes the County Judge to negotiate rates with pharmacies that may be greater than state guidelines. Otherwise, Terrell County does not authorize any optional services or payments exceeding the minimum requirements set by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Terrell County will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Handbook which is published by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Terrell County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reevaluate the payment method at any time; all parties will be notified if payment method changes.

Terrell County does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, or gender in administering the Indigent Health Care Program. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions regarding eligibility.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 61.030, Terrell County has designated Sanderson Rural Health Clinic and Pecos County Memorial Hospital as the mandated providers for indigent health care services except under the following circumstances:

1. in an emergency;
2. when medically inappropriate; or
3. when care is not available.

Terrell County has no financial responsibility for non-emergency services rendered to eligible residents by non-mandated providers.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 61.203, this notice will be posted on [co.terrell.tx.us](http://co.terrell.tx.us) web-site and will be posted at a public posting area at the Courthouse.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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