

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hockley County will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act, for the fiscal year September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024.

Applications can be requested in the office of Hockley County Public Assistance and Indigent Health Care located in the lower level of the Hockley County Library Building, at 811-B Austin Street, Levelland, Hockley County, Texas. Assistance in completing the application will be provided upon request. Contact the Hockley County Indigent Health Care and Public Assistance Office, 806-894-4264.

The purpose of the Indigent Health Care Program is to help low-income Hockley County residents who don't qualify for other state or federal health care programs to have access to health care services.

Benefits are limited to participating administrators who provide primary, preventative and some specialty services. The maximum annual benefit is \$30,000 or 30-days inpatient hospital services. Services include:

- Vaccines
- Medical Screening services
- Annual physical exams
- Inpatient and outpatient hospital visits
- Laboratory and radiology
- Skilled nursing services

Persons eligible for Indigent Health Care must:

- Live in Hockley County, Texas and intend to remain a resident of Hockley County, Texas.
- Have an income level at or below twenty-one percent (21%) of the Federal Poverty Income Limit.
- Have resources less than \$2000 or \$3000 if the applicant is elderly or disabled.
- Must not be eligible for Medicaid.

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

<https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/cihcp/county-indigent-health-care-program-handbook>.

1. Application Packet must be completed and signed.
2. Verification of income, termination of income, proof of residence, household composition, resources, current driver's license/ID, and Social Security Card are required.
3. The equity value of an automobile cannot be greater than \$4650.00. Personal property and homesteads are exempt assets.
4. Applicants must provide all information and documentation requested, or the application will be denied.
5. Unemployed applicants must provide proof of registration with the Texas Workforce Commission for the Job Search Program and be actively seeking employment. (Persons with a physical or mental impairment or elderly and are unable to work can receive a waiver from this requirement)
6. Unemployed applicants that claim inability to work must provide a statement from a physician stating that they are unable to work and for how long they will be unable to work.
7. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

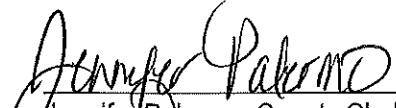
The effective date of the above rules and procedures is September 1, 2023.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court,

October 2, 2023.


Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

ATTEST:


Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court,
Hockley County, Texas

