



County Indigent Health Care Program (CIHCP)  
**Optional Health Care Services Notification**

Select the appropriate column to indicate each optional health care service the county chooses to provide or discontinue. **Submit completed form electronically to [CIHCP@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:CIHCP@hhsc.state.tx.us) or by fax to 512-776-7203.**

Provide	Discontinue	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1. <b>Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)</b> , specifically a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2. <b>Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)</b> , Freestanding.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	3. <b>Colostomy Medical Supplies and/or Equipment</b> , namely colostomy bags/pouches, cleansing irrigation kits, paste or powder, and skin barriers with flange/wafers.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	4. <b>Counseling Services</b> . Check the box the county chooses to provide. <input type="checkbox"/> A. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) <input type="checkbox"/> B. Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT) <input type="checkbox"/> C. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) <input type="checkbox"/> D. Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5. <b>Dental Care</b> , namely an annual routine dental exam, annual routine cleaning, one set of annual X- rays, and the least costly service for emergency dental conditions for the removal or filling of a tooth due to abscess, infection or extreme pain.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	6. <b>Diabetic Supplies and/or Equipment</b> , namely test strips, alcohol prep pads, lancets, glucometers, insulin syringes, humulin pens, and the needles required for the humulin pens.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	7. <b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b> . Check the box(es) the county chooses to provide. <input type="checkbox"/> A. Blood Pressure Measuring Appliances <input type="checkbox"/> E. Hospital Beds <input type="checkbox"/> B. Canes <input type="checkbox"/> F. Walkers <input type="checkbox"/> C. Crutches <input type="checkbox"/> G. Wheelchairs, Standard <input type="checkbox"/> D. Home Oxygen Equipment
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	8. <b>Emergency Medical Services</b> , namely ground transportation only.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	9. <b>Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)</b>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	10. <b>Occupational Therapy</b>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	11. <b>Physical Therapy</b>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	12. <b>Home and Community Health Care</b>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	13. <b>Physician Assistant (PA)</b>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	14. <b>Vision Care</b> , namely one exam by refraction and one pair of prescription glasses every 24 months.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	15. <b>Other</b> medically necessary services or supplies determined to be cost effective by the entity.

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Signature of County Judge/Designee

09/03/2025  
Date

Printed Name and Title of County Judge/Designee Signing Form	County
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## Definitions of CIHCP Optional Health Care Services

1. **Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)** services must be medically necessary and provided within the scope of practice of an APN and covered by the Texas Medicaid Program when provided by a licensed physician.
2. **Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)** services must be provided in a freestanding ASC and are limited to items and services furnished in reference to an ambulatory surgical procedure, including those services on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-approved list and selected Medicaid-only procedures.
3. **Colostomy Medical Supplies and/or Equipment** must be medically necessary and prescribed by a physician or an APN if within the scope of their practice, in accordance with the standards established by the Board of Nurse Examiners and published in 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §221.13. Items covered are colostomy bags/ pouches, cleansing irrigation kits, paste or powder, and skin barriers with flange/wafers. The county may require the supplier to receive prior authorization.
4. **Counseling (psychotherapy) Services** must be medically necessary based on a referral from a physician or an APN if within the scope of their practice, in accordance with the standards established by the Board of Nurse Examiners and published in 22 TAC §221.13. Psychotherapy services must be provided by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Ph.D. Psychologist.
5. **Dental Care** must be medically necessary and provided by a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Medicine (DMD) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DDM). Items covered are an annual routine exam, annual routine cleaning, one set of annual X-rays, and the least costly service for emergency dental conditions for the removal or filling of a tooth due to abscess, infection or extreme pain. The county may require prior authorization.
6. **Diabetic Supplies and/or Equipment** must be medically necessary and prescribed by a physician or an APN if within the scope of their practice, in accordance with the standards established by the Board of Nurse Examiners and published in 22 TAC §221.13. Items covered are test strips, alcohol prep pads, lancets, glucometers, insulin syringes, humulin pens, and the needles required for the humulin pens. The county may require the supplier to receive prior authorization.
7. **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** must be medically necessary, meet the Medicare/Medicaid requirements and be provided under a written, signed and dated prescription from a physician or an APN if within the scope of their practice, in accordance with the standards established by the Board of Nurse Examiners and published in 22 TAC §221.13. Items may be purchased or rented, whichever is least costly. Items covered are blood pressure measuring appliances that are reasonable and appropriate, canes, crutches, home oxygen equipment (including masks, oxygen hose and nebulizers), hospital beds, walkers and standard wheelchairs. The county may require the supplier to receive prior authorization.
8. **Emergency Medical Services** covers ground transportation only for medically necessary, life-threatening conditions.
9. **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)** services must be provided in an approved FQHC by a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical psychologist or clinical social worker.
10. **Occupational Therapy** services must be medically necessary and may be covered if provided in a physician's office, therapist's office, outpatient rehabilitation or free-standing rehabilitation facility, or licensed hospital. Services must be within the provider's scope of practice, as defined by Occupations Code, Chapter 454.
11. **Physical Therapy** services must be medically necessary and may be covered if provided in a physician's office, therapist's office, outpatient rehabilitation or free-standing rehabilitation facility, or licensed hospital. Services must be within the provider's scope of practice, as defined by Occupations Code, Chapter 453.
12. **Home and Community Health Care** must be medically necessary, meet the Medicare/Medicaid requirements and be provided by a certified home health agency. A plan of care must be recommended, signed and dated by the recipient's attending physician prior to care being given. Items covered are Registered Nurse (RN) visits for skilled nursing observation, assessment, evaluation and treatment provided by a physician who specifically requests the RN visit for this purpose. A home health aide to assist with administering medication is also covered. Visits made for performing housekeeping services are not covered. A county may require prior authorization.
13. **Physician Assistant (PA)** services must be medically necessary and provided by a PA under the direction of a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) and must be billed by and paid to the supervising physician.
14. **Vision Care** covers one exam by refraction and one pair of prescribed glasses every 24 months that meet Medicaid criteria.
15. **Other** medically necessary services or supplies that the local governmental municipality/entity determines to be cost effective.