

County Indigent Health Care Level 2 Pilot Program
Fiscal year 09/01/2017 to 08/31/2018

- The county used to provide up to \$12 million a year for indigent health care.
- The county is currently funding \$5.5 million to provide Inter-governmental transfers under the 1115 transformation waiver program to cover hospital uncompensated care. The majority of the multiplied funds are used for hospital services and a portion of the funds is used to cover the current indigent health care program for individuals under 21% of the FPGL.
- Whereas the 1115 waiver program is mandated by CMS and HHSC for hospital transformation this proposed pilot program would be used for preventative healthcare.
- This program is being established under the direction of Commissioner's Court in order to provide medical homes and basic health care assistance to an underserved population of the county that may not otherwise receive any medical assistance.
- Income level for this program will be limited to those who are under 50% of the FPGL and who do not have any other source of payment for such services (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, County Indigent, and Private Insurance).
- This program is intended to provide preventive care services to cover medical expenses including lab work, medication, and diabetic supplies to those who qualify based on income, residence, household composition,

and resources. (Chapter 61 of the Health and Safety Code)

- Each enrolled member under this pilot program will have a maximum benefit per fiscal year of \$3,000.
- County Indigent Health Care – Level 2 Pilot Program is intended to be run from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.
- This program will be administered by the current staff of the Health and Human Services Department Indigent Services Division and eligibility will be determined at 4 of the county's health clinics. (Site locations: Weslaco, Pharr, Mission and Edinburg)
- Funding for this pilot program is proposed at a capitated \$1 million dollars to be used out of general fund and would be prorated for September 2017 to December 2017 (\$333,333.33).
- This pilot program has a limited budget, therefore, if funds are exhausted the program would cease until new funding becomes available.
- The county has various partnerships with UTRGV Medical School and Inter-Professional Educational Program. The focus being on enhancing access to healthcare via the community resource centers, county clinics, and the various community partners. (i.e. Proyecto Desarrollo)