

AGENDA ITEM 42

Consider approving County Indigent Health Care Program Guidelines for fiscal year 2002.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve County Indigent Health Care Program Guidelines for fiscal year 2002.

Vote: **4 - 0** with Commissioner Heiligenstein absent from the meeting.

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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Williamson County & Cities Health District administers the County Indigent Health Care Program [CIHCP] on behalf of Williamson County. Under state program guidelines, options for increased medical services may be offered if locally approved. Adoption of elective options ensures that expenditures are creditable toward qualifying for state assistance funds, and offers cost-effective care for qualified county residents.

Williamson County has chosen to offer selected optional services during the last two fiscal years. During the current fiscal year, expenditures for optional services have totaled \$20,521.03, only 3.2% of total expenditures to date of \$644,930.36.

We propose that the commissioners continue adoption of the following cost-effective options for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2001:

- that Williamson County continue to employ a qualifying income level of **25% of FPIL**, instead of the state mandated percentage of 21% FPIL. (counties may elect to use guidelines up to 50% FPIL, and still count expenditures as creditable)
- payment for ambulatory surgical center services
- payment of diabetic and colostomy medical supplies and equipment
- payment for services with Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist, LPC or LMSW-ACP
- payment for services provided by physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and certified nurse midwives
- *payment for services of clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists*
- payment for vision care services, including prescription eyeglasses

Plus, adding the following in this next fiscal year:

- payment to Federally Qualified Health Center [FQHC] designated clinics

If Williamson County elects to implement any of the above service options during the current fiscal year, we must notify the state no later than August 31, 2001, in order that these expenditures be countable toward qualifying for state assistance funds.

We may at any time elect to discontinue such services, and must immediately notify the state should we decide to do so.