

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

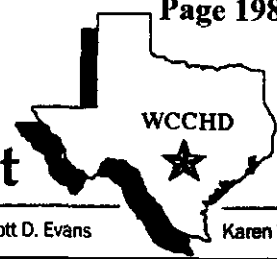
Plus, adding the following in this next fiscal year:

- 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.

Williamson County & Cities Health District



Board of Health: Mary Faith Sterk, Chair • Margaret R. Fink • Katherine M. Galloway • Tim Mikeska • Lettie A. Lee • Scott D. Evans

Karen Wilson, Director

your public health department

August 8, 2001

John Doerfler, County Judge
710 Main St., Suite 201
Georgetown, Tx 78626

Judge Doerfler,

Williamson County Commissioner's Court has graciously elected to provide selected optional health care services under the County Indigent Health Care Program during the past two fiscal years. State guidelines require that we submit each August a new statement of our intention to provide optional services under program guidelines for the new fiscal year, in order that optional expenditures may be counted as creditable toward our 8% GRTL liability. We may elect at any point during the fiscal year to discontinue services, as long as we notify the state office.

As we anticipated, our expenditures for optional services have only constituted a small fraction of total program expenditures. Eyeglasses and diabetic supplies have been the primary costs.

	<u>Optional services</u>	<u>Total program expenditures</u>	<u>% of total</u>
Fiscal year thru 7/01	\$20,521.03	\$644,930.36	3.2%

This year we are recommending the inclusion of one more elective option—the option of paying for FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) services. We expect to have two clinics in our area with that designation in the next few months, offering an improved provider base to our clients.

Enclosed are the new Optional Service request form, and a cover letter expressing our intent to continue to provide services to clients qualifying under 25% of FPIL. Please sign and date the enclosed forms, and we will forward them to the state CIHCP office in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hinderer, LMSW-ACP
Director of Social Services

Date: August 16, 2001

To: Indigent Health Care Division
Texas Department of Health

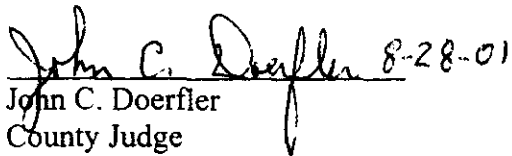
From: John C. Doerfler
County Judge
Williamson County

Subject: County Indigent Health Care Program Guidelines

The Commissioner's Court of Williamson County has approved for the County Indigent Health Care program guidelines for Williamson County to be continued at **25% fpi**, effective **September 1, 2001**, for fiscal year 2002.

Please accept this as formal notice of our intention to pay for services to qualifying residents within this income level and to have these expenditures considered as creditable towards Williamson County's 8% GRTL financial liability.

The optional services approved by the Commissioners Court are specified in the attached Optional Services Request form.


John C. Doerfler
County Judge
Williamson County

710 Main St., Suite 201
Georgetown, Texas 78626

CIHCP Optional Service Request

Please read optional service definitions on the back of this page.

Types of Optional Services: (circle the numbers of the services your county wishes to provide)

①	Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
②	Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)
③	Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
④	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
⑤	Colostomy Medical Supplies and/or Equipment (colostomy bags/pouches, cleansing irrigation kits, paste or powder and wafers)
⑥	Counseling Services: (check the ones your county wishes to provide) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) <input type="checkbox"/> B. Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Clinical Practitioner (LMSW-ACP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist
7.	Dental Care (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)
⑧	Diabetic Supplies and/or Equipment (syringes, lancets, test strips, alcohol prep pads, glucometers, and humulin pens)
9.	Durable Medical Equipment: (check the ones your county wishes to provide) ____ A. Crutches ____ D. Standard wheel chairs ____ G. Home oxygen equipment ____ B. Canes ____ E. Hospital beds ____ H. Blood pressure measuring appliances ____ C. Walkers ____ F. TENS units
⑩	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
11.	Home and Community Health Care
⑫	Physician Assistant (PA)
⑬	Vision Care (one exam by refraction and one pair of prescribed glasses every 24 months)

CHANGE [Check here if your county wishes to discontinue any of the optional services that you are currently providing this state fiscal year. Circle the optional services above that you will continue providing. Complete and submit this form.]

John C. Daehler
Signature of County Judge/Designee

8-28-01
Date

Name:	Title:
County:	Mailing Address:
Phone Number (plus area code):	City/State/Zip:

AGENDA ITEM 43

Consider authorizing the County Judge to sign a memorandum of understanding relating to ITS Integration Program with TxDOT and the City of Round Rock to pursue a federal grant.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To authorize the County Judge to sign a memorandum of understanding relating to ITS Integration Program with TxDOT and the City of Round Rock to pursue a federal grant.

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

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ITS Deployment Program
FY01 Integration Component

0914-00-167

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Relating to the ITS Integration Program**

By and Among

**Texas Department of Transportation
Williamson County
City of Round Rock**

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, individual government entities in the Williamson County/Round Rock area operate various public safety and service systems, and;

WHEREAS, these systems would benefit from regional integration and shared information flows, and;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), P.L. 105-178, Sections 5201 – 5213 (23 USC 307 note), authorizes Federal funding to accelerate the integration and interoperability of intelligent transportation systems in metropolitan and rural areas, and;

WHEREAS, the signatories believe that the public good is best served by using FY01 Congressionally designated funds for the integration and electronic information sharing of systems in the Williamson County/Round Rock Area, and;

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between regional governmental entities is necessary to facilitate planning, financing, and construction of such regional integration;

NOW, THEREFORE, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Williamson County, and the City of Round Rock agree as follows:

1. Each agency will cooperate, assign appropriate staff, and seek and apply for funding to plan and implement regionally integrated systems sharing information between public safety and public service radio communication, computer-aided dispatch (CAD), mobile data terminal (MDT), and intelligent transportation system (ITS) described in the project proposal dated 02/23/2001.
2. TxDOT, with the assistance of Williamson County and the City of Round Rock, will be the lead agency responsible for coordinating all activities with other agencies to