**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility factors include county residence, household composition, income, and resources. A person(s) eligible for Medicaid or patient(s) and inmate(s) of state or federal hospitals or institutions are disqualified household member(s). A CIHCP household consists of all persons living together who are legally responsible for support (spouses, parents and minor children).

The income and resources criteria for a CIHCP household are based on those used in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. The income generally does not exceed approximately 21% of the Federal Poverty Income Limits (FPIL) and countable resources cannot exceed $3,000 if a relative who is aged or disabled lives with the CIHCP household, or $2,000 for all other households. Homesteads are exempt. Fair market value of $4,650 of each vehicle is exempt.

**BASIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**PHYSICIAN SERVICES:** Include services ordered by a physician that are within the scope of practice of their profession as defined by state law.

**ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS:** Include examinations provided once per calendar year by a physician or a physician assistant. Associated testing, such as mammograms, can be covered with a physician referral.

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** Given when appropriate.

**MEDICAL SCREENINGS:** Screenings include blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol.

**LABORATORY AND X-RAY SERVICES:** Professional technical services ordered and provided under the personal supervision of a physician in a setting other than a hospital (inpatient or outpatient).

**PRESCRIPTIONS:** 3 prescriptions per month provide. Clients are required to register with Bastrop “County/Seton Patient Prescription Assistance Program (Seton PPAP) for additional medications needed.

**SKILLED NURSING FACILITY**: Services limit of 30 days or $30,000.00 per fiscal year, whichever comes first.

**OPTIONAL SERVICES**

**EYE CARE:** One free eye exam and one free pair of glasses.

**DENTAL CARE:**

 **Emergency Only:** Includes emergency extractions and/or fillings, only.

Service definitions, limitations, and payments are based on those used in the Texas Medicaid Program. County liability for payment is limited to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) payment standards established for the CIHCP. In a state fiscal year (September 1 - August 31), county liability per each eligible resident is limited to $30,000 for all services or 30 days of inpatient hospital and/or SNF care, whichever comes first.

**Bastrop County**

**Indigent Health Care Program**

***Mailing Address:***

804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602

***Office Location:***

104 Loop 150 W., Bastrop TX 78602

***Telephone:*** (512) 581-7170

***FAX:*** (512) 332-7203

***Office Hours:***

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday

(closed for lunch 12:00 pm -1:00 pm)

**Walk-In screenings**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday-Friday

(closed for lunch 12:00 pm -1:00 pm)

Assistance will be available upon request for completing applications. Applicants are responsible for correctly filling out the application and providing information required for verification and documentation of residency, income, and resources. The county will notify the applicant in writing of his/her eligibility within 14 days from the receipt of the completed application and required documentation. Applicant has the right to appeal eligibility decisions within 90 days from the receipt of written notice of ineligibility.

**CIHCP Monthly Income Standard Based on the 2023 FPG**

EARNED INCOME VS UNEARNED INCOME FOR ELIGIBILITY:

Gross Unearned Income Chart:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Number of Individuals in the CIHCP Household | 21% FPG Minimum Income Standard |
| 1 | $255 |
| 2 | $345 |
| 3 | $435 |
| 4 | $525 |
| 5 | $615 |
| 6 | $705 |

**LEGAL BASE**

The County Indigent Health Care Program (CIHCP) was mandated by the 1985 Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act and is contained in subtitle C, chapter 61, of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The TDSHS is legally mandated to establish program rules and administer the CIHCP state assistance fund. House Bill 1398, passed in 1999, made the first major changes to this program.

CIHCP administration is solely the responsibility of county government. County residents apply at the location designated by the county. Local program administration often results in significant differences between delivery systems.

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