

Access to Cancer Care For Low-Income and Uninsured Patients in Franklin County

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Franklin County Indigent Health Care Program

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For more information, call the number, go by the office, or visit the websites listed below:

Franklin County Indigent Health Care ProgramCounty Treasurer200 N. Kaufman St.Mt Vernon, TX 75457(903)537-8334https://www.co.franklin.tx.us/page/franklin.County.TreasurerIndigent Health Application:https://www.co.franklin.tx.us/upload/page/1814/docs/Indigent%20Health/2017%20IHC%20APPLICATION.pdf

Federally Qualified Health Centers

If you cannot get help from the Indigent Health Care Program, you may be able to see a doctor at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) clinic that will let you pay on a **"sliding scale."** This means that the amount of money you pay is based on how many family members live in your house and how much money you make. For example, if you have a big family and make just a little money, you would pay less for medical care. If you have a smaller family or make a little more money, you would pay a little more.

For more information and to find the nearest clinic, call the numbers below. Clinics that see adult patients are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

Wellness Pointe - Gilmer	Wellness Pointe - Kilgore Clinic
602 Titus St, Ste 130	1711 S Henderson Blvd, Ste 400
Gilmer, TX 75644-1780	Kilgore, TX 75662-3592
903-758-2610	903-758-2610
https://wellnesspointe.org/gilmer/	https://wellnesspointe.org/locations/kilgore-clinic/
Google Map It	Google Map It
Wellness Pointe - Longview Family Medicine	
1107 E Marshall Ave, Bldg #3	
Longview, TX 75601-5602	
903-758-2610	
https://wellnesspointe.org/locations/longview-main/	
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For U.S. Military Veterans

If you are a **veteran**, you may be able to be seen at a **Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic**. To find out more about veterans' benefits, go to <u>https://www.va.gov/health-care/</u>. For more information, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at the number below:

Health Benefits Hotline: 1-877-222-VETS(8387)

You may also call or visit the following VA facilities in or near Franklin County. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city

and clinic name.

Greenville VA Clinic 4006 Wellington Rd., Suite 100 Greenville, TX 75401-7829 903-450-1143 https://www.northtexas.va.gov/locations/Greenville.asp



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Women who want to get checked for **cervical cancer or breast cancer** may be able to get help through a special program called **Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS)**. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program services include:

- Screening services
 - Clinical breast examination
 - Mammogram
 - Pelvic examination and Pap test
- Diagnostic services
- Cervical dysplasia management and treatment
- Help applying for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer

You may receive these benefits if you:

- Are a female.
- Are a resident of Texas.
- Are 18 or older.
- Don't have health insurance.
- Meet income requirements (200% Federal Poverty Level)

If you have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and don't have health insurance that will pay for your treatment, you may be eligible to receive full Medicaid benefits by applying for Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer. Contact a Breast and Cervical Cancer Services clinic to see if you qualify for this Medicaid program.

For more information, visit <u>https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/bccs-program</u> or call **2-1-1**.

You may also call or visit one of the following BCCS clinics in or near **Franklin County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

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Wellness Pointe - Gilmer	Greenville Community Health Center - Carevide Women's
602 Titus St, Ste 130 Gilmer, TX 75644-1780	4311 Wesley St, Ste A
903-758-2610	Greenville, TX 75401
https://wellnesspointe.org/gilmer/	903-455-5958
	https://carevide.org/womens/
Google Map It	Google Map It
Puckett Family Clinic P.C.	Wellness Pointe Kilgore Clinic
1301 E Main St	1711 S Henderson Blvd, Ste 400
Honey Grove, TX 75446	Kilgore, TX 75662-3592 903-758-2610
903-378-3444	https://www.wellnesspointe.org/kilgore/
Google-Map It	Google Map It
Longview Regional Medical Center	Wellness Pointe Longview
2901 N Fourth St	1107 E Marshall Ave
Longview, TX 75605	Longview, TX 75601
903-758-1818	903-758-2610
https://www.longviewregional.com/	https://www.wellnesspointe.org/longview/
Google Map It	Google Map It
Wellness Pointe Longview Family Medicine	Wellness Pointe Longview South
1107 E Marshall Ave, Ste #3	2430 S High St
Longview, TX 75601	Longview, TX 75602
903-758-2610 https://www.wellnesspointe.org/family-medicine/	940-552-9351 https://www.wellnesspointe.org/
Google Map It	Google Map It
Titus County Mem Hosp District - Titus Regional	Wellness Pointe Mount Pleasant - Northeast Texas
Medical Center	Women's Health
2001 N Jefferson Mount Pleasant, TX 75455	2015 Mulberry Ave, Ste 250 Mount Pleasant, TX 75455
903-577-6000	903-572-4664
https://www.titusregional.com/	https://www.northeasttexaswomenshealth.com/
Google Map It	Google Map It
East Texas Clinic	Solis Mammography Paris
101 Willis Ave	3170 Clarksville St
Naples, TX 75568	Paris, TX 75460
903-897-5684	214-294-9060
https://www.facebook.com/EastTexasClinic/	https://www.solismammo.com/dfw/paris

Google Map It	Google Map It
CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital Tyler	Northeast Texas Public Health District
800 E Dawson St	815 N Broadway Ave
Tyler, TX 75701	Tyler, TX 75702
903-593-8441	903-535-0030
https://www.christushealth.org/trinity/tyler	https://www.mynethealth.org/
Google Map It	Google Map It
University of Texas Health Science Center	UT Health Tyler
11937 US Hwy 271	1000 S Beckham Ave
Tyler, TX 75708	Tyler, TX 75701
903-877-7777	903-597-0351
https://www.uthct.edu/contact-us	https://uthealthtylerhospital.com/contact
Google Map It	Google Map It

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Healthy Texas Women

Healthy Texas Women is a program dedicated to offering women's health and family planning at no cost to eligible women in Texas.

Healthy Texas Women provides a wide variety of women's health and core family planning services, including pelvic examinations, breast and cervical cancer screenings, clinical breast examination, mammograms, and other services. The program pays only for specific services. If a health problem such as cancer is found, you will be referred to a doctor or clinic that can treat you. You can receive these benefits if you:

- Are a woman between the ages of 18 to 44 years old. (Women are considered 18 years of age on the day of her 18th birthday and 44 years of age through the last day of the month of her 45th birthday.)
- Are a woman between the ages of 15 to 17 years old and have a parent or legal guardian apply, renew, and report changes to your case on your behalf. (Women are considered 15 years of age the first day of the month of her 15th birthday and 17 years of age through the day before her 18th birthday.)
- Are a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant.
- Are a resident of Texas.
- Don't have health insurance.
- Are not pregnant.
- Meet the income requirements monthly family income below 200% Federal Poverty Level. (See website for details.)

For more information, visit the website at <u>https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/healthy-texas-women/htw-who-can-apply</u> or call 2-1-1. Pick a language and then press 2. If you can't connect to 2-1-1, call 1-877-541-7905 (toll-free).

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Other Screening Programs

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler - Colorectal Cancer Screenings

https://www.uthct.edu/colorectal-cancer-screenings

<u>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler Colorectal Cancer Screening program</u> provides free screenings for qualified individuals. To qualify for the program, you must:

- Be between the age of 50 and 75
- Have no personal history of colorectal cancer
- Have not had:
 - A stool-based test in the last year
 - A sigmoidoscopy exam (to look inside the rectum and lower colon) within the last 5 years
 - A colonoscopy exam (to look inside the rectum and entire colon) within the last 10 years
- Be uninsured or under-insured
- Have no colorectal cancer related symptoms
 - Blood in the stool
 - Change in bowel habits, such as diarrhea or constipation.

To request a FREE at-home colon cancer screening kit, ask questions, or to get more information, call **903-877-1461** or email <u>crc.outreach@uthct.edu</u>. You may also request the kit by completing the online form at <u>https://www.uthct.edu/SIDHelp/form/10</u>. **Si tiene preguntas, llame 903-877-1427**.

This program is funded through the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT).

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Appointments

When you go for your appointment, be sure to bring any medical records you have. This information will help the doctor understand your needs better. For example, bring:

- Results of past medical or lab tests
- Records of any treatments you have had
- A list of any medicines you are taking right now

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What if I still cannot get help for cancer care?

If you cannot get help from the county program or a Federally Qualified Health Center, you may want to call one of the hospitals below.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has named four cancer centers in Texas as leaders in cancer research. Two centers are in Houston, one is in Dallas and one is in San Antonio. These centers focus on finding new treatments for cancer through clinical trial testing. To find out more, visit the websites or call the numbers below:

The Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine (713) 798-1354 https://www.bcm.edu/centers/cancer-center/

Harold C. Simmons Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center 214-645-8300 or 817-882-2700 https://utswmed.org/cancer/

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center 1-877-MDA-6789 (1-877-632-6789) https://www.mdanderson.org/about-md-anderson/contact-us.html

UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center 1-800-340-2872 or 210-450-1000 https://www.uthscsa.edu/patient-care/cancer-center

You may want to contact other hospitals in your area that may also treat low-income or uninsured patients. You would need to contact each hospital to find out if you can make an appointment to be seen. Please visit the Texas Cancer Information Hospitals page at <u>https://www.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/hospitals.html</u> to search for a hospital in your area that does cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment or continuing care.

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Where can I learn more about cancer?

• There are many groups that help cancer patients. These groups may offer financial assistance, support services or free information about cancer. You can get a list of these groups from the National Cancer Institute by clicking on or typing in the following link:

https://supportorgs.cancer.gov/

You may also call the **National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (CIS)** at **1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)**.

- The American Cancer Society (ACS) also has support groups and information about cancer. You may call 1-800-227-2345 or go to the website: <u>https://www.cancer.org/</u>
- LIVE**STRONG** has information about financial assistance and support groups. Call **1-855-220-7777** or visit the website: <u>https://www.livestrong.org</u>
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a breast cancer helpline. Call 1-877-456-6636 (1-877-GOKOMEN) or visit the website: <u>https://www.komen.org</u>
- Visit the Texas Cancer Information (texascancer.info) website at https://www.texascancer.info/ for lists of doctors, hospitals, breast, colon and skin cancer screening services and hospices. You can find support, counseling, education and other help such as transportation, housing and medical equipment by clicking on Find Cancer Services.

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Print or Download Access to Cancer Care for Low-Income and Uninsured Patients

Click on one of the following links to download or print a PDF (updated 05/07/2021) of all access to care information for Franklin County. **Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at** <u>https://www.texascancer.info/access/</u>.

- <u>access franklin.pdf</u> (English)
- <u>acceso espanol franklin.pdf</u> (en español)

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