



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

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Wheeler County Indigent Health Care Program

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For more information, call the numbers, go by one of the offices, or visit the websites listed below:

Shamrock General Hospital

1000 S. Main
Shamrock, TX 79079

(806) 256-2114
<https://sghtexas.com/>

Parkview Hospital
901 Sweetwater
Wheeler, TX 79096
(806) 826-5581 ext. 222
<https://parkviewhosp.org/>



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 <https://www.va.gov/health-care/>. 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 **Wheeler County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

Lubbock VA Clinic
6104 Avenue Q South Drive
Lubbock, TX 79412-3700
806-472-3400
<https://www.amarillo.va.gov/locations/Lubbock.asp>



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For Women

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 <https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/bccs-program> or call **2-1-1**.

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

<p>BSA Hospital 1600 Wallace Blvd Amarillo, TX 79106 806-212-2000 https://bsahs.org/</p> 	<p>Haven Health Clinics 1 Medical Dr Amarillo, TX 79106 806-322-3599 https://www.havenhealthamarillo.com/</p> 
<p>Fox Rural Health Clinic 1001 Us Hwy 83 N Childress, TX 79201 940-937-3636 https://www2.childresshospital.com/getpage.php?name=Fox_Rural_Health_Clinic</p> 	<p>Pampa Regional Medical Center Women's Health Clinic 100 W 30th Ave Pampa, TX 79065 806-663-5663 https://www.prmctx.com/Services/Womens-Health-Services/Breast-Care.aspx</p> 

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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 <https://www.healthytexaswomen.org/healthcare-programs/healthy-texas-women/htw-who-can-apply>

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

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center - Get F.I.T. to Stay Fit

<https://www.cancerscreeningtx.com/>

The [Get F.I.T. to Stay Fit](#) program is providing education and clinical services to the Texas Panhandle in hopes of preventing colorectal cancer deaths and ultimately improving quality of life by catching the illness in its early stages. Getting screened using the convenient, at-home testing method, Fecal Immunochemical Test or F.I.T. for colorectal cancer at appropriate intervals gives your physician the best chance to catch cancer in its early stages.

To get your free at-home test:

1. Call **806-414-9175** to schedule an appointment.
2. Visit a clinic to determine eligibility.
3. Test is taken at home and mailed back to the clinic.
4. You will be contacted with any results.

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 <https://www.texasancer.info/prevscrtreat/hospitals.html> 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: <https://www.cancer.org/>
- **LIVESTRONG** has information about financial assistance and support groups. Call **1-855-220-7777** or visit the website: <https://www.livestrong.org>
- **Susan G. Komen for the Cure** is a breast cancer helpline. Call **1-877-456-6636 (1-877-GOKOMEN)** or visit the website: <https://www.komen.org>
- 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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Click on one of the following links to download or print a PDF (updated 05/07/2021) of all access to care information for Wheeler County. **Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at <https://www.texascancer.info/access/>.**

- [access_wheeler.pdf](#) (English)
- [acceso_espanol_wheeler.pdf](#) (en español)

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