Mason County Indigent Healthcare
Standards and Procedures
State Year 2026-2027

The following are standards and procedures adopted by the Mason County Commissioners Court. These procedures are in accordance to the Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 2. Subtitle C. Indigent Health Care, Chapter 61, Indigent Health and Treatment Act.

Section 61.006
The department shall establish minimum eligibility standards and application, documentation and verification procedures for counties to use in determining eligibility under this chapter.

Section 61.043 Prevention and Detection of Fraud
The county shall adopt reasonable procedures for minimizing the opportunity for fraud, for establishing and maintaining methods for detecting and identifying situations in which a question of fraud may exist and for administrative hearings to be conducted on disqualifying persons in cases where fraud appears to exist.

Standards & Procedures

- An applicant must have a medical need in order to receive Indigent Health Care services.
- Eligible persons must be a resident of Mason County and intend to stay.
- Applicants must provide a Texas Identification Card or other appropriate documentation to prove residency.
- Applicants must provide all requested information and documentation requests or applications will be denied.
- The application form must be completed in its entirety.
- Verification of all income, residency, household composition, and resources are required information.
- Net income is calculated utilizing a gross monthly screening table located in the County Indigent Health Care Program manual.
- Liquid resource assets cannot exceed $2,000 or $3,000 if the residence contains a relative who is disabled. The equity value of an automobile cannot be greater than $4,650. Personal property and homesteads are exempt assets.
- Covered members receive basic health care services as outlined by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The services include primary and preventative services designed to meet the needs of the community, including: immunizations, medical screenings and annual physical examinations. Inpatient and outpatient hospital services; rural health clinics; laboratory and x-ray services; family planning services;

physician services; payment for not more than three prescription drugs a month and skilled nursing facility services; regardless of patient's age.

- Mason County is the payor of last resort. Applicants are not eligible for Indigent Health Care benefits if they are eligible for Medicaid.

- Program rules and eligibility standards are set by the State of Texas. Mason County does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, creed, disability or gender when administrating the Indigent Health Care Program.

- Mason County will only accept and pay the standard payment rate as determined by the Texas Department of State Health services for all physician and prescription medical bills (Medicaid Reimbursement Rates). Outpatient and inpatient medical bills are paid by a percentage rate set by the Texas Department of State Health and Human Services Commission.

- An eligibility decision will be made no later than 14 days after a completed application has been processed. A completed application is where the identifiable application and sufficient supporting documentation has been received and a face-to-face interview has been conducted.

- A review of each Indigent Health Care member's application must be completed every six months.

- Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

Adopted by the Mason County Commissioners Court on the 24 day of August, 2026.

Shannon Worrell, Mason County Judge

Attest:

Chelsa Armendariz, Mason County Clerk