

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Van Zandt County will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Applications are available in the Indigent Health Care office located in the Courthouse Annex located at 250 East Groves Street, Canton, Texas 75103. Contact the Indigent Health Care office at 903-567-1023.

Van Zandt County will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. The Handbook is available online at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/cihcp>. In summary, rules are:

1. Application forms must be COMPLETELY filled out.
2. Verification of income, termination of income, residence, household composition and resources is required.
3. Applicants with income that exceeds 21% of the Federal Poverty Limit do not qualify.
4. Applicants do not qualify if their countable household resources are in excess of \$2,000.00 (or \$3,000.00 when a person who lives in the home is aged or disabled and meets relationship requirements).
5. Applicant must be a resident of Van Zandt County.
6. Applicant must provide all of the information and documentation requested, or the application will be denied.
7. Applicant will be required to provide proof of application for SSI, or proof of registration and actively seeking employment with the Texas Workforce Commission.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

CAUTION: Presenting false information of securing medical benefits wrongfully may subject applicant to criminal and civil penalties. Eligible applicants must report any change in income, resources, household composition, address, and other circumstances affecting eligibility, within 14 days to prevent the filing of criminal or civil charges against them.