



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

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Bowie County Indigent Health Care Program

If you live in Bowie County you may be able to get help through the **Bowie County Indigent Health Care Program**.

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

Bowie County Indigent Health Care Program
1406 Collage Drive, Suite 4

Texarkana, TX 75501
(903) 614-5550

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.

<p>Wellness Pointe - Gilmer 602 Titus St, Ste 130 Gilmer, TX 75644-1780 903-758-2610 https://wellnesspointe.org/gilmer/</p> 	<p>Genesis PrimeCare - Texarkana Family Medical Clinic 1400 College Dr Texarkana, TX 75503-3575 903-791-1110 https://www.genesisprimecare.org/texarkana-tx-providers</p> 
<p>Genesis PrimeCare - Texarkana OB/GYN 2604 Saint Michael Dr Ste 410 Texarkana, TX 75503-2378 903-614-5570 https://www.genesisprimecare.org/texarkana-tx-obgyn</p> 	<p>Special Health Resources - Texarkana Care Clinic 1102 Main St Texarkana, TX 75501-4313 903-792-5924 https://www.specialhealth.org/texarkana-care-clinic-main/home/</p> 

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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 <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 **Bowie County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center

1201 E. 9th St.

Bonham, TX 75418-4059

800-924-8387

<https://www.northtexas.va.gov/locations/Bonham.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 **Bowie County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

<p>Genesis PrimeCare - Atlanta, Ellington Memorial Clinic 1011 S William St Atlanta, TX 75551-3245 903-796-2868 https://www.genesisprimecare.org/atlanta-tx-providers</p> 	<p>Wellness Pointe - Gilmer 602 Titus St, Ste 130 Gilmer, TX 75644-1780 903-758-2610 https://wellnesspointe.org/gilmer/</p> 
<p>Titus County Mem Hosp District - Titus Regional Medical Center 2001 N Jefferson Mount Pleasant, TX 75455 903-577-6000 https://www.titusregional.com/</p> 	<p>Wellness Pointe Mount Pleasant - Northeast Texas Women's Health 2015 Mulberry Ave, Ste 250 Mount Pleasant, TX 75455 903-572-4664 https://www.northeasttexaswomenshealth.com/</p> 
<p>East Texas Clinic 101 Willis Ave Naples, TX 75568 903-897-5684 https://www.facebook.com/EastTexasClinic/</p> 	<p>Solis Mammography Paris 3170 Clarksville St Paris, TX 75460 214-294-9060 https://www.solismammo.com/dfw/paris</p> 
<p>CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital 2600 St Michael Dr Texarkana, TX 75503 903-614-1000 https://www.christushealth.org/st-michael</p> 	<p>Dr. Beth Peterson 5002 Cowhorn Creek Texarkana, TX 75503 903-614-3007 http://collom-carney.com/breastconservationsurgery/</p> 

Genesis PrimeCare - Texarkana Family Medical Clinic

1400 College Dr
Texarkana, TX 75503-3575
903-791-1110

<https://www.genesisprimecare.org/texarkana-tx-providers>

**Radiology Consultants, LLP**

4102 Richmond Meadows
Texarkana, TX 75503
903-223-1014



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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).

UT Health East Texas Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit

The unit, which serves all of East Texas, provides convenient screening mammography (**breast cancer test**) at businesses, community events and East Texas Medical Center clinics and facilities throughout the region. The **screening mammogram** is available to women who meet the following screening criteria:

- Age 35 or older
- No breast problems such as a suspicious lump
- No mammogram within the last 12 months
- No breast implants
- No breast surgery within the past year
- No diagnosis of breast cancer within the past five years

Call the number below to find out when the unit will be in your area or to schedule an appointment:

866-333-3862

<https://uthealtheasttexas.com/services/breast-care>

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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>

[The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler Colorectal Cancer Screening program](#) 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 crc.outreach@uthct.edu. You may also request the kit by completing the online form at <https://www.uthct.edu/SIDHelp/form/10>. **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
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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.texascancer.info/prevscrntreat/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?

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<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 Bowie County. **Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at <https://www.texascancer.info/access/>.**

- [access_bowie.pdf](#) (English)
- [acceso_espanol_bowie.pdf](#) (en español)

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