



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

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If you want to be checked for cancer and:

- You live in Karnes County
- You make a low income
- You do not have health insurance
- You cannot get Medicare or Medicaid

You may be able to get help through one of the programs listed below. Each one may have different rules about how you qualify and apply for services, so call the number listed for more information.

Karnes County Indigent Health Care Program

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

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

Otto Kaiser Hospital
3349 S. Hwy 181
Kenedy, TX 78119

(830) 583-3401

<https://www.okmh.org/>

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>Community Action Corporation of South Texas Family and Women's Health Services Beeville 301 S Hillside St Beeville, TX 78102-5324 361-362-0307 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 	<p>Atascosa Health Center - Karnes Community Health Center 757 S Panna Maria Ave Karnes City, TX 78118-3808 830-780-3100 http://www.atascosahealthcenter.org/karnes-community-health-center.html</p> 
<p>CentroMed Noemi Galvan Eling Clinic 5542 Walzem Rd San Antonio, TX 78218-2103 210-922-7000 https://centromedsa.com/locations/noemi-galvan-eling-clinic/</p> 	<p>CentroMed Palo Alto Clinic 9011 Poteet Jourdanton Rd San Antonio, TX 78224-2124 210-922-7000 https://centromedsa.com/locations/palo-alto-clinic/</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 **Karnes County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

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<p>North Central Federal VA Clinic 17440 Henderson Pass San Antonio, TX 78232-1662 210-483-2900 https://www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/NCFC.asp</p> 	<p>San Antonio - North East 410 VA Clinic 2391 NE Loop 410 Ste 101 San Antonio, TX 78217-5675 210-590-0247 https://www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/NE410SanAntonioCBOC.asp</p>

**San Antonio VA Clinic**

4318 Woodcock Ste 120
San Antonio, TX 78228-1315
210-736-4051

<https://www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/NW410SanAntonioCBOC.asp>

**South Bexar County VA Clinic**

4610 E Southcross Blvd Ste 100
San Antonio, TX 78222-4911
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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 **Karnes County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

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<p>Gonzales Community Health Center 228 Saint George St Gonzales, TX 78629 830-672-6511 https://www.chcsct.com/locations/</p> <p></p>	<p>Community Health Centers of South Central Texas - Luling Community Health Center 111 S Laurel Ave Luling, TX 78648 830-875-6399 https://www.chcsct.com/locations/</p> <p></p>
<p>Community Action School Based Health Center Mathis 213 S Duval St Mathis, TX 78368 361-547-4121 https://www.tachc.org/center/community-action-corporation-of-south-texas</p> <p></p>	<p>CentroMed Family Medicine Clinic 226 North Union Avenue New Braunfels, TX 78130-4450 830-608-5700 https://centromedsa.com/locations/centromed-family-medicine/</p> <p></p>
<p>CentroMed Noemi Galvan Eling Clinic 5542 Walzem Rd San Antonio, TX 78218-2103 210-922-7000 https://centromedsa.com/locations/noemi-galvan-eling-clinic/</p> <p></p>	<p>CentroMed Palo Alto Clinic 9011 Poteet Jourdanton Rd San Antonio, TX 78224-2124 210-922-7000 https://centromedsa.com/locations/palo-alto-clinic/</p> <p></p>
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210-922-7000

<https://centromedsa.com/locations/south-park-medical/>



210-922-7000

<https://centromedsa.com/locations/southside-medical/>



Community Medicine Associates

903 W Martin MS 49-2
San Antonio, TX 78207
210-358-3427



University Health System - University Hospital

4502 Medical Dr
San Antonio, TX 78229
210-358-8255
<https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/san-antonio/university-hospital-4502-medical-dr-san-antonio-78229>



University Health System Dr. Robert L.M. Hilliard Center

919 Locke St
San Antonio, TX 78208
210-358-8255
<https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/san-antonio/dr-robert-l-m-hilliard-center-919-locke-street-san-antonio-78208>



University Health System Eastside Clinic

210 N Rio Grande
San Antonio, TX 78202
210-358-8255



University Health System Kenwood Clinic

302 Dora St
San Antonio, TX 78212
210-358-8255
<https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/kenwood-clinic>



University Health System Naco Perrin Clinic

4020 Naco Perrin Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78217
210-358-8255
<https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/san-antonio/naco-perrin-clinic-4020-naco-perrin-san-antonio-78217>





University Health System Robert B. Green Campus

903 W Martin
San Antonio, TX 78207
210-358-8255
<https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/san-antonio/robert-b-green-campus-903-w-martin-san-antonio-78207>

University Health System Salinas Clinic

630 General McMullen Dr
San Antonio, TX 78237
210-358-8255
<https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/san-antonio/salinas-clinic-630-s-general-mcmullen-drive-san-antonio-78237>

	
<p>University Health System South Flores Clinic 7902 S Flores St San Antonio, TX 78221 210-358-8255 https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/san-antonio/south-flores-clinic-7902-s-flores-street-san-antonio-78221</p> 	<p>University Health System Zarzamora Clinic 4503 S Zarzamora San Antonio, TX 78211 210-358-8255 https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/locations/san-antonio/zarzamora-clinic-4503-s-zarzamora-street-san-antonio-78211</p> 
<p>Community Health Centers of South Central Texas - Seguin Family Health Center 1104 Jefferson Ave Seguin, TX 78155-5901 830-379-9797 https://www.chcsct.com/locations/</p> 	<p>Community Health Centers of South Central Texas - Victoria Community Health Center 4206 Retama Circle Victoria, TX 77901-2757 361-576-2110 https://www.chcsct.com/locations/</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

Free Colorectal Cancer Screening

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in Texas, but the number of people dying from this disease is dropping. One reason may be that colorectal cancer can be prevented by screening people who do not have any symptoms of cancer.

[The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#) is working with primary care clinics to get this life-saving screening to patients in Texas communities who are not otherwise able to afford or access it.

The FIT stool test is a colon cancer screening exam you can do at home. It is easy and it may save your life. To get a free FIT test through this program you should:

- Have a low-income and no medical insurance
- Be between 45 and 75 years old
- Not have any symptoms of colorectal cancer (rectal bleeding or blood in stool, persistent changes in bowel habits, unexplained weight loss)
- Not have inflammatory bowel disease (acute diarrhea, colitis, diverticulitis, Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis)

If your FIT test from a participating clinic shows that you have blood in your stool, you will be offered a free colonoscopy.

Contact a clinic from the list, below, to find out if you qualify to receive the free FIT colon cancer test. Patients who have already been diagnosed with colorectal polyps or cancer, or who have family members with colon polyps or colon cancer, should talk to a health care provider at the clinic about screening options. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

These projects are funded in part by the [Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas \(CPRIT\)](#). For more information, visit <https://www.texas cancer.info/prevscreentreat/colonscreen.html>.

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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

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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?

- 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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I have been told I have cancer. Where do I go?

If you have been told that you need treatment for cancer and:

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 San Antonio, TX 78240-3900
 210-699-2100

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**North Central Federal VA Clinic**

17440 Henderson Pass
 San Antonio, TX 78232-1662
 210-483-2900

<https://www.southtexas.va.gov/locations/NCFC.asp>

**San Antonio - North East 410 VA Clinic**

2391 NE Loop 410 Ste 101
 San Antonio, TX 78217-5675
 210-590-0247

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- [access_karnes.pdf](#) (English)
- [acceso espanol_karnes.pdf](#) (en español)

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