



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

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https://www.nchdcc.org/pdf/Statement_of_Residency.pdf

Applicant's household income (adjusted for household size) can not exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty

Guidelines as published in the Federal Register. See Eligibility Income Guidelines Grid.
You need any of the following that may apply to you:

You will need to show proof of income, such as payroll check stubs for the past three (3) months, for all family members employed in the household. You will also need to have your Social Security card and a picture identification such as driver's license, Texas I.D., or school I.D.

Application for assistance:

https://www.nchdcc.org/pdf/Application_for_Assistance_11-02.pdf

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Christus Spohn - Family Health Center - Robstown

Dept: Enrollment Counselors

1038 Texas Yes Boulevard

Robstown, TX 78380

Phone: (361) 861-9005 and (361) 861-9006

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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4617 Greenwood Road

Corpus Christi, TX 78416

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia Clinic - Nueces County Hospital District

Dept: Enrollment Services

2606 Hospital Blvd.

Corpus Christi, TX 78404

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CHRISTUS Family Medicine Bayside

3817 South Padre Island Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78415
361-857-0178
<https://www.christushealth.org/locations-directions/cpg/family-medicine-bayside>

CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - Memorial

2606 Hospital Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
361-902-4000
<https://www.christushealth.org/spohn/memorial>



CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - Shoreline

600 Elizabeth St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78404
361-881-3000
<https://www.christushealth.org/spohn/shoreline>

CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - South

5950 Saratoga Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78414
361-985-5000
<https://www.christushealth.org/spohn/south>



Coastal Bend Family Medicine

5802 Saratoga Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78414
361-986-4600
<https://www.christushealth.org/locations-directions/cpg/coastal-bend-family-medicine>

Dr. Hector P Garcia Memorial Family Health Center

2606 Hospital Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
361-902-0900
<https://www.christushealth.org/spohn/about/our-path-forward/dr-hector-p-garcia-memorial-family-health-center>



CHRISTUS Family Medicine - Portland

"311 Buddy Ganem Drive, Suite A"
Portland, TX 78374
361-777-0500
<https://www.christushealth.org/locations-directions/cpg/family-medicine-portland>

CHRISTUS Family Health Center Robstown

1038 Texas Yes Blvd.
Robstown, TX 78380
361-767-1200
<https://www.christushealth.org/locations-directions/cpg/robstown>



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 Alice 700 N Flournoy Rd Alice, TX 78332 361-664-1417 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 	<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>Community Action Corporation of South Texas Duval 115 W Main St Benavides, TX 78341-1004 361-256-3663 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 	<p>Amistad Community Health Center - Corpus Christi 1533 Brownlee Boulevard Corpus Christi, TX 78404-3131 361-884-2242 https://amistadchc.com/</p> 
<p>Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation 2882 Holly Rd Corpus Christi, TX 78415-4106 361-814-2001 https://cbwellness.org/</p> 	<p>Community Action Health Center Falfurrias 1302 S St Mary's St Falfurrias, TX 78355 361-325-9404 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 
<p>Community Action Health Center Kingsville 1311 E General Cavazos Rd Ste 303 Kingsville, TX 78363-7123 361-592-3237 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 	<p>Amistad Community Health Center - Robstown 814 E Main Ave Robstown, TX 78380-3135 361-884-2242 https://amistadchc.com/</p> 

Community Action Health Center Sinton

621 E Sinton St
Sinton, TX 78387-2801
361-364-4486

<https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/>



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Corpus Christi Cancer Center

The **Corpus Christi Cancer Center** provides screening, diagnosis, treatment and care of cancer patients in the Corpus Christi, the Coastal Bend, and South Texas regions.

Call the number below for more information or to make an appointment:

Corpus Christi Cancer Center

1625 Rodd Field Rd Suite 200
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412
(361) 985-2273

<https://ccradiationoncology.com/>

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

Corpus Christi VA Clinic

5283 Old Brownsville Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78405-3908
361-806-5645

https://www.texasvalley.va.gov/locations/Corpus_OP_C.asp



Old Brownsville VA Clinic

5227 Old Brownsville Road, Suite 11
Corpus Christi, TX 78405-3939
361-806-5600

https://www.texasvalley.va.gov/locations/Corpus_PAC_T.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 **Nueces County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

<p>Community Action Corporation of South Texas Alice 204 E First St Alice, TX 78333 361-664-1417 https://www.tachc.org/center/community-action-corporation-of-south-texas</p> 	<p>Community Action Corporation of South Texas Family and Women's Health Services Alice 700 N Flournoy Rd Alice, TX 78332 361-664-1417 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 
<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>South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation - Family Planning Clinic Beeville 1400 W Corpus Christi St, Ste 4 Beeville, TX 78102 361-358-2974 http://www.stfphc.org/beeville.html</p> 
<p>Community Action Corporation of South Texas Duval 115 W Main St Benavides, TX 78341-1004 361-256-3663 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 	<p>STFPHC - Family Planning Clinic Corpus Christi - Breast and Cervical Cancer Clinic 4455 S Padre Island Dr, Ste 30 Corpus Christi, TX 78411 361-883-0619 http://www.stfphc.org/corpus.html</p> 
<p>Community Action Health Center Falfurrias 1302 S St Mary's St Falfurrias, TX 78355 361-325-9404 https://www.tachc.org/center/community-action-corporation-of-south-texas</p> 	<p>Community Action Health Center Kingsville 1311 E General Cavazos Rd Ste 303 Kingsville, TX 78363-7123 361-592-3237 https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/</p> 
<p>South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation - Family Planning Clinic Kingsville 1218 N Armstrong Ave Kingsville, TX 78363 361-595-1929</p>	<p>Community Action School Based Health Center Mathis 213 S Duval St Mathis, TX 78368 361-547-4121</p>

<http://www.stfphc.org/kingsville.html>



<https://www.tachc.org/center/community-action-corporation-of-south-texas>



South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation - Family Planning Clinic Robstown

515 Pat Shutter, Suite #121

Robstown, TX 78380

361-387-6996

<http://www.stfphc.org/robstown.html>



South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation - Family Planning Clinic Rockport

2871 Hwy 35 North

Rockport, TX 78382

361-729-7512

<http://www.stfphc.org/rockport.html>



Community Action Corporation of South Texas Sinton

621 E Sinton St

Sinton, TX 78387-2801

361-364-4486

<https://cacost.org/programs/fqhc/>



South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation - Family Planning Clinic Sinton

301 S San Patricio St, Ste C

Sinton, TX 78387

361-364-3306

<http://www.stfphc.org/sinton.html>



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First Friday

CRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - South's program **First Friday** offers **free mammograms** (breast cancer test) to the uninsured women of South Texas

Call the number below for more information or to make an appointment:

CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - South

5950 Saratoga Boulevard

Corpus Christi, TX 78414

(361) 985-5600 (option 1)

<https://www.christushealth.org/spohn/south/services-treatments/womens-care>

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.texasancer.info/prevscreentreat/colonscreen.html>.

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Appointments

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- 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.

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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/prevscrntreat/hospitals.html> to search for a hospital in your area that does cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment or continuing care.

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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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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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Print or Download *Access to Cancer Care for Low-Income and Uninsured Patients*

Click on one of the following links to download or print a PDF (updated 05/07/2021) of all access to care information for Nueces County. **Please note: For the most up-to-date information, use the interactive search tool at <https://www.texascancer.info/access/>.**

- [access_nueces.pdf](#) (English)
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