



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

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Winters, TX 79567

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1218 North 4th

Abilene, TX 79601

(325) 672-0040

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## For U. S. Military Veterans

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**Health Benefits Hotline: 1-877-222-VETS(8387)**

You may also call or visit the following VA facilities in or near **Runnels County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

### **Abilene VA Clinic**

3850 Ridgemont  
Abilene, TX 79606-2728  
325-695-3252

[https://www.bigspring.va.gov/locations/abilene\\_cboc.asp](https://www.bigspring.va.gov/locations/abilene_cboc.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 **Runnels County**. Clinics are listed alphabetically by city and clinic name.

<p><b>Abilene Taylor County Public Health District</b> 850 N 6th St Abilene, TX 79601 325-692-5600 <a href="https://www.abilenetx.gov/386/Health-District-Facility">https://www.abilenetx.gov/386/Health-District-Facility</a></p> 	<p><b>City of Abilene - Mercy Healthcare Center</b> 1902 Shelton Street Abilene, TX 79601 325-676-6634 <a href="https://www.abilenetx.gov/387/Mercy-Health-Care-Center">https://www.abilenetx.gov/387/Mercy-Health-Care-Center</a></p> 
<p><b>Comanche County Medical Center and Family Clinic</b> 10201 Hwy 16 North Comanche, TX 76442 800-405-7739 <a href="https://www.comanchecmc.org/services/moncrief-cancer-institute/">https://www.comanchecmc.org/services/moncrief-cancer-institute/</a></p> 	<p><b>Doctors Medical Center</b> 10201 Hwy 16 North Comanche, TX 76442 800-405-7739 <a href="https://www.comanchecmc.org/services/moncrief-cancer-institute/">https://www.comanchecmc.org/services/moncrief-cancer-institute/</a></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

### UT Southwestern/Moncrief Cancer Institute CSPAN

<https://www.moncrief.com/colorectal-cancer-screening>

The objective of the [Colorectal Cancer Screening and Patient Navigation Program \(CSPAN\)](#) is to increase screening rates in un/underinsured and minority populations through mailed outreach supported by patient navigation.

To qualify for this program, you must:

- Be between the age of 50 and 74
- Be a current resident in the state of Texas
- Have no personal history of colorectal cancer, colon resection (surgery), inflammatory bowel disease, or colon polyps
- 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

To request your free at-home colon cancer screening kit, call **888-223-8620** or complete the online form at <https://www.moncrief.com/colonscreeningkit>.

Financial assistance for those who qualify is provided by a grant from 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
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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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<https://www.bcm.edu/centers/cancer-center/>

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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.texas cancer.info/prevscrtreat/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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- [access\\_runnels.pdf](#) (English)
- [acceso espanol\\_runnels.pdf](#) (en español)

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