

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF WEBB §

ORDER AUTHORIZING AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER SERVICES AS A COVERED SERVICE UNDER THE WEBB COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Webb County Indigent Health Care Program was established in 1989 to provide eligible county residents with medical coverage for Basic Health Care Services such as: ♦ Physician Services ♦ Annual physical examinations ♦ Immunizations ♦ Medical screening services (blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol screening) ♦ Lab/x-ray Services ♦ Family Planning Services ♦ Skilled Nursing Facility Services ♦ Prescription Medications ♦ Rural Health Clinic Services ♦ Inpatient Hospital Services and ♦ Outpatient Hospital Services; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 61 of the Texas Health and Safety Code known as the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act, counties are required to provide these health care services to eligible county residents in compliance with this Act; and,

WHEREAS, counties are considered the payors of last resort and shall provide assistance only if other adequate public or private sources of payment are not available; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to basic health care services provided under Section 61.028 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, a county may provide other medically necessary services or supplies that the county determines to be cost-effective, including Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) services; and,

WHEREAS, Ambulatory Surgical Centers are modern health care facilities that are focused on providing same-day surgical care, including diagnostic and preventive procedures that would provide County Indigent Health Care Program clients with an alternative to hospital-based outpatient procedures; and,

WHEREAS, Ambulatory Surgical Centers are subject to oversight and independent inspections to assess each center's compliance with state and federal government standards and demonstrate continual compliance with Medicare's standards; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Webb County, that Ambulatory Surgical Center services be included as a covered Optional Service under the County Indigent Health Care Program.

ORDERED this 10th day of November 2014.

WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Honorable Danny Valdez
County Judge

Honorable Linda Ramirez
Commissioner Pct. 1

Honorable Rosaura 'Wawi' Tijerina
Commissioner Pct. 2

Honorable John C. Galo
Commissioner Pct. 3

Honorable Jaime Canales
Commissioner Pct. 4

Attested by:

Approved as to form:

Honorable Margie Ramirez Ibarra
County Clerk

Honorable Marco Montemayor
County Attorney