

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WEBB §

**ORDER AUTHORIZING DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
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 Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies; and,

WHEREAS, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies refers to equipment that can withstand repeated use and allows the individual accessibility in the home and community, and helps individuals to function on a daily basis; and,

WHEREAS, County Indigent Health Care Program clients currently must do without necessary medical equipment and supplies due to a lack of coverage, or risk infection by reusing disposable supplies; and

WHEREAS, Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies is currently covered by Medicare and Medicaid and suppliers are subject to oversight and independent inspections to assess their 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 Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies be included as a covered Optional Service under the County Indigent Health Care Program.

ORDERED this 11th day of May 2020.

WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

[Signature]
Honorable Tano E. Tijerina
County Judge

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Honorable Jesse Gonzalez
Commissioner Pct. 1

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Honorable Rosaura 'Wawi' Tijerina
Commissioner Pct. 2

Honorable John C. Galo
Commissioner Pct. 3

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Honorable Cindy Liendo
Commissioner Pct. 4

Attested by:
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Honorable Margie Ramirez Ibarra
County Clerk

Approved as to form:
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Nathan Bratton
Webb County Civil Legal Division Director*

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