

**IN THE WICHITA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS**

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF WICHITA §

**ORDER ADOPTING WICHITA COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE
PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE
LEGALLY SPONSORED ALIENS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to changes made to Chapter 61 of the Texas Health and Safety Code during the 82nd Legislative session, a County is now allowed to count the income and resources of the applicant's sponsor; and

WHEREAS, an alien sponsor is defined as a person who executed an affidavit of support agreeing to support an alien as a condition of the alien's entry into the United States; and

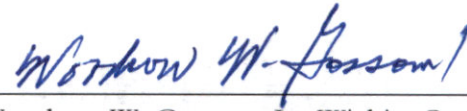
WHEREAS, that legislation provided that a County "may" rather than "shall" count the income and resources of the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the State requires counties to adopt written procedures if they choose to count the income and resources of an applicant's sponsor.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- A. Effective September 1, 2022, the Wichita County Indigent Care Program (ICP) will adopt the following income and resource procedures regarding an ICP applicant who is a sponsored alien:
- 1. Only the sponsored alien and persons with which a legal responsibility to support the sponsored alien exists, as defined in the Texas Health and Human Services *County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook* (CIHCPH), will be considered a part of the ICP household; Medicaid eligible members will be disqualified per ICP guidelines;
 - 2. Income and resources of the ICP household will be countable as defined in the CIHCPH;
 - 3. All net income of the sponsor will be countable as unearned income for the applicant;
 - 4. All resources of the sponsor will be countable as resources available to the applicant;
 - 5. All net income of the sponsor's spouse will be countable as unearned income for the applicant;
 - 6. All resources of the sponsor's spouse will be countable as resources available to the applicant.

APPROVED this 22nd day of August, 2022, by the Wichita County Commissioners Court.



Woodrow W. Gossom, Jr., Wichita County Judge

Attest:  Deputy
Lori Bohannon, Wichita County Clerk