

# LAMB COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

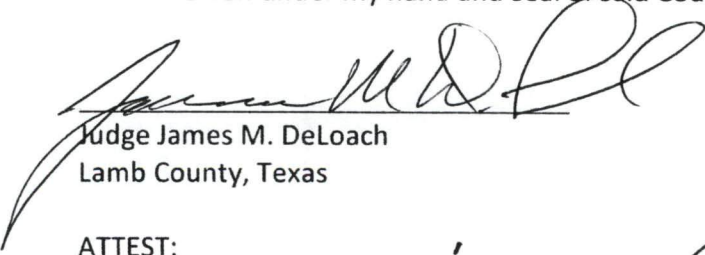
## POLICY PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE LEGALLY SPONSORED ALIENS

Per changes made to Chapter 61 of the Health and Safety Code during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative session, a County is now allowed to count the income and resources of the applicant's sponsor. Sponsor is defined as a person who executed an affidavit of support on behalf of the applicant. Due to the wording of the law being that the County may rather than shall count the income and resources of the sponsor, the State is requiring counties to adopt written procedures if they choose to count the income and resources.


Effective January 13, 2020, the Lamb County Indigent Health Care program (IHC) will adopt the following income and resource procedures regarding an IHC applicant who is a sponsored alien.

- Only the sponsored alien and persons with which a legal responsibility to support exists, as defined in Section II of the IHC program handbook, will be considered a part of the IHC household; Medicaid eligible members will be disqualified per IHC guidelines;
- Income and resources of the IHC household will be countable as defined in the IHC program handbook;
- All net income of the sponsor will be countable as unearned income for the applicant;
- All resources of the sponsor will be countable as resources available to the applicant;
- All net income of the sponsor's spouse will be countable as unearned income for the applicant;
- All resources of the sponsor's spouse will be countable as resources available to the applicant.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 13th day of January, AD, 2020.

  
Judge James M. DeLoach  
Lamb County, Texas

ATTEST:

  
Tonya Ritchie, County Clerk, and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court,  
Lamb County, Texas

