

Order Authorizing Tom Green County's Participation in a County Health Care Provider Participation Program, Collection of a Mandatory Payment, and Use of Funds from Mandatory Payments

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 3398, which added Chapter 293A to the Health and Safety Code and which went into effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor;

WHEREAS, pursuant to new Section 293A of the Health and Safety Code, the commissioners court of a county may by order authorize the county to participate in a county health care provider participation program and establish a Local Provider Participation Fund;

WHEREAS, the purpose of participation in a county health care provider participation program is to help local providers gain access to supplemental Medicaid payments;

WHEREAS, the funding for the Local Provider Participation Fund is generated from revenue from a mandatory payment that may be required by the county from an institutional health care provider to fund certain intergovernmental transfers and indigent care programs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to new Section 293A of the Health and Safety Code, the commissioners court of a county that participates in a county health care provider participation program may, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the commissioners court, authorize the county to collect a mandatory payment from each institutional health care provider located in the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to new Section 293A.103, a county that participates in a county health care provider participation program may use the funds collected through mandatory payments only for specified purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Commissioners Court of Tom Green County authorizes Tom Green County to:

1. Participate in a county health care provider participation program;
2. Establish a Local Provider Participation Fund;
3. Collect a mandatory payment from each institutional health care provider located in Tom Green County; and
4. Use the funds collected through mandatory payments for the purposes specified in Section 293A.103.

Passed and approved this 24th day of October, 2017.

Passed and adopted this the 24th day of October, 2017.



Stephen C. Floyd, County Judge

Attest:



Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk

Approved as to form:



Chris Taylor, County legal advisor