## HHSC Primary Health Care Services Program

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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is encouraging providers of the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program to connect clients with other available services when they may no longer be eligible for HTW.

The Primary Health Care (PHC) program offers services to clients of any age who are Texas residents and have an income level at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Per PHC policy, HTW clients are automatically eligible for service through PHC through adjunctive eligibility. A HTW client must be able to provide proof of active enrollment using the "Your Texas Benefits" card with "Healthy Texas Women" noted in the upper corner. The PHC provider will verify active enrollment.

These services are provided by physicians, physician assistants, or advanced practice nurses in a doctor's office, clinic, or facility other than a hospital. Services include:

- Diagnosis and treatment
- Emergency services
- Family planning services
- Preventive health services, including immunizations
- Health education
- Diagnostic testing, such as X-rays and laboratory services

While PHC providers may not always be able to take additional clients due to funding constraints, providers are encouraged to establish partnerships with local PHC programs to help clients access services where there is capacity to serve them. Local offices for PHC and other available programs may be located using the Office of Primary and Specialty Health Service Locator.

For any questions or concerns regarding this matter, or for more information about the PHC program, send an email to PrimaryHealthCare@hhsc.state.tx.us or contact the office at 512-776-3317.