



Primary Health Care Program Report Fiscal Year 2023

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Introduction

The *Primary Health Care (PHC) Program Report for Fiscal Year 2023* is submitted in accordance with [Texas Health and Safety Code, §31.015](#).

Section 31.015 requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to submit an annual report to the Governor and Texas Legislature. HHSC must make this report public and the report must include:

- The number of individuals receiving care in the PHC program;
- The total cost of the program, including a delineation of the total administrative costs and the total cost for each service authorized under Health and Safety Code, Section 31.003(e);
- The average cost per recipient of services;
- The number of individuals who received services in each public health region; and
- Any other information required by the executive commissioner.

PHC serves adults and children with an income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) who are unable to access comparable care through insurance or other health care programs. PHC provides clients with the following services:

- Diagnosis and treatment.
- Emergency medical services.
- Family planning services.
- Preventative health services.
- Health education.
- Diagnostic laboratory and radiological services.

Required Data

In fiscal year 2023, the total cost for administration of the PHC program was \$11,490,583, of which \$11,311,763 was expended for the provision of medical services. PHC served 86,260 clients at an average cost of \$131 per client. This is a 14 percent decrease in clients served as compared to 100,327 clients served in fiscal year 2022, and a 13 percent increase in cost per client from \$116 on average in fiscal year 2022. The decrease in clients served from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023 may be attributed to higher healthcare costs resulting in grantees expending funds more quickly and leading to fewer clients served. Additionally, barriers to accessing care such as lack of transportation, child care needs, and economic factors may play a role. A decreased client count paired with a total program cost that is consistent with previous fiscal years resulted in a higher average cost per client.

Table 1 outlines the number of individuals who received services in each public health service region.

Table 1. Fiscal Year 2023 PHC Clients by Health Service Region

Health Service Region	Number of Clients Served	Percentage
1	4,377	5%
2/3	34,018	39%
4/5N	8,436	10%
5S/6	15,140	18%
7	3,436	4%
8	5,193	6%
9/10	6,126	7%
11	9,534	11%
Total	86,260	100%

Table 2 outlines the total cost of all services and categorizes expenditures by the type of service provided.

Table 2. Fiscal Year 2023 Contractor Costs Reported

Type of Service	Annual Cost
Diagnosis and Treatment¹	\$6,349,036
Emergency Medical Services	\$100,735
Preventative Health²	\$1,035,835
Health Education³	\$755,652
Laboratory⁴	\$2,816,817
Family Planning⁵	\$253,688
Administrative (Non-Medical Services)⁶	\$178,820
Total Cost of Program	\$11,490,583

¹ Includes hypertension and diabetes screening, prescriptions, therapeutic dental services, and prenatal dental services.

² Includes services provided during office visits, cervical cancer screening, immunizations, and dental services.

³ Includes instruction to individuals, groups, and communities.

⁴ Includes radiology and mammography, as well as laboratory and sexually transmitted infection testing.

⁵ Includes contraceptives (including traditional methods and long-acting reversible contraceptives), counseling, sterilization, pregnancy testing, and prenatal care.

⁶ Includes expenses such as supplemental payroll, required certification fees, and license renewals.