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Subject: Legislative Changes to County Indigent Health Care Program (CIHCP).

The 83rd Legislative Session has ended and the following legislative changes have been made to CIHCP. Although, there were quite a few bills filed regarding CIHCP, the bills that will have the biggest impact to the program are listed below. You will find a short summary, the required actions for the **Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**, and web links for the enrolled House Bill (HB) and Senate Bill (SB) that will be effective by September 1, 2013. The following bills require no rule changes.

HB 2454:

- House Bill 2454 amends the Health and Safety Code to authorize a county to credit an expenditure on health care services for an inmate of a county correctional facility toward county eligibility for state assistance in providing health care services to eligible residents. Counties can now credit expenditures for eligible residents of other counties who are inmates in their county facilities toward their liability threshold for state assistance.
- DSHS has developed a new simplified eligibility form for counties to use for their incarcerated individuals. The new application will be added to the CIHCP Policy Handbook in the upcoming revision.
- Here is the link to the enrolled version of the legislative language:

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<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/83R/billtext/pdf/HB02454F.pdf#navpanes=0>

SB 872:

- Senate Bill 872 amends the Health and Safety Code to authorize a county to credit an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the state toward eligibility for state assistance if the transfer was made to provide health care services as part of the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program waiver. This bill allows counties to credit up to four percent of their General Revenue Tax Levy (GRTL) expended on IGTs toward eligibility for state assistance.
- DSHS will be required to submit a legislative report on the effects of the provisions of this Act on services rendered to eligible residents under Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code.
- Here is the link to the enrolled version of the legislative language:

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/83R/billtext/pdf/SB00872F.pdf#navpanes=0>

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