**Online Resources for Social Services**

**(visit** [**http://pdi.rice.edu/**](http://pdi.rice.edu/) **for more)**

**Harris Health Financial Assistance Program (Gold Card)**

Harris Health System’s Financial Assistance for Medical Care:

The Gold Card is Harris County's healthcare financial assistance for low-income Harris residents. The Gold Card makes medications and clinic visits significantly more affordable and is a convenient pay-as-you-go payment program for needed medical services.

<https://www.harrishealth.org/en/patients/access-care/eligibility-card/pages/default.aspx>

**Alternative Insurance Options**

Healthcare insurance options if ineligible for Gold Card and/or Medicaid.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/screener/>

<http://www.texashealthoptions.com/cp/whyinsurance.html>

**Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP)**

CHIP provides low-cost health coverage for children through age 18. For families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford private health coverage.

<http://www.texaschildrenshealthplan.org/apply>

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

Provides nutritious food/related programs to Women, Infants, and Children up to age 5.

<http://www.houstontx.gov/health/WIC/>

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

SNAP provides food benefits and nutrition assistance for low-income individuals.

<http://yourtexasbenefits.hhsc.texas.gov/programs/snap>

**Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services** (**ECHOS)**

ECHOS is a non-profit organization that provides help, without charges, filling out Medicaid/CHIP, SNAP and Harris Health Financial Assistance applications.

<http://www.echos-houston.org/default.asp?pg=about>

**Primary Care Clinics**

A list of Community Health Centers that provide primary care doctor visits and accept the Patient Financial Assistance Plan.

<https://www.harrishealth.org/en/services/locations/pages/primary-care.aspx>

**$4 Formulary**

Generic medications provided by HEB, Kroger, Walmart, and Target at rates of $4 for a 30 day supply and $10 for a 90 day supply.

<http://pdi.rice.edu/patient-resources/medical/4-formulary/>

**Discounted Prescription Drug Finder**

Input your prescribed drug name, dosage, and zip code to find discounted drug programs.

<http://www.harrishealthrx.com/>

**General Health Resources**

Assistance with mental health, smoking problems, and/or alcohol & substance abuse.

<http://pdi.rice.edu/patient-resources/general-health-resources/>

**Education Resources**

Information on getting a low cost or free GED and other free adult basic education and reading classes around Houston.

<http://pdi.rice.edu/misc/general-education-development-ged-resources/>

**Healthcare for the Homeless Program**

List of Houston homeless shelters that provide eligibility/registration services for dental care, preventative care, mental health/substance abuse counseling, and primary care services.

<https://www.harrishealth.org/en/our-community/outreach-services/pages/healthcare-homeless.aspx>

**Housing Help**

List of housing options for very low income or homeless patients and families.

<http://pdi.rice.edu/patient-resources/housing-2/general-housing-resources/>

**Home Energy Resources**

Resources to help lower costs of home energy and electricity bills.

<http://pdi.rice.edu/utilities/>

**Phone Resources**

Resources to help eligible individuals and families pay for a phone and/or cellular bill.

<http://pdi.rice.edu/link-up-and-lifeline/>

**Immigration Legal Resources**

Resources to help people living in the US who do not have legal papers.

http://pdi.rice.edu/patient-resources/legal-resources-2/immigration-law-resources/

**RIDES**

RIDES is a specialized curb-to-curb transportation program for Harris County residents who are 65+ years of age and/or have disabilities. The customer/agency pays 50% of the total trip cost.

http://pdi.rice.edu/patient-resources/transportation/harris-county-rides/