

How Available is Health Care?

OBJECTIVES/RATIONALE

To pursue a career in the health care industry, students should be proficient in academic subject content. The Health Science Technology student will have the knowledge and skills necessary to apply social studies information to health science technology. The student is will analyze the impact of local, state, and national government on the health care industry.

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TAKS ELA 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Social Studies 2, 3, 4, 5

KEY POINTS

- I. Many government health care services are funded through taxes.
- II. Local health services
 - A. City/county health department
 - B. County hospitals
 - C. Senior citizen centers
- III. State health services
 - A. Texas Department of Health
 - B. State University Medical Centers
 - C. state mental health hospitals
 - D. Texas School for the Blind
 - E. Texas School for the Deaf
- IV. Federal health services
 - A. U.S. Public Health Department
 - B. Veterans Administration hospitals
 - C. Center for Disease Control
- V. Medicare – federal program that provides federal assistance to those 65 years or older and certain specified others as part of the benefits of the Social Security Act.
- VI. Medicaid – state and federal program of hospitalization and medical insurance for persons of all ages within income limits.

ACTIVITIES

- I. Research and report on the impact of a branch of government (local, state, national) on the health care industry. Include in report:
 - Which departments contribute to health policy and delivery within that branch of government?
 - Contact with at least one of those departments.
 - Where the funding comes from.
 - Who is serviced by the departments, what are the qualifications of applicants / clients?

- How are the clients serviced?
- What impact does the departments/branch of government have on the health care industry?

MATERIALS NEEDED

Community Resources: Library, City and County Government Health Departments
Library
Internet

ASSESSMENT

Writing Rubric

Oral Presentation Rubric (for enrichment)

ACCOMMODATIONS

For reinforcement, the student will list the available community health care resources and identify whether they are funded by local, state, or federal taxes.

For enrichment, the student will develop a multimedia presentation to be used as a means of educating the community on available health services.

REFLECTIONS
