



Health Services



Swisher County offers a full line of health services to its residents, visitors and those who are traveling through Swisher County on I-27, Texas Highway 86 and US Highway 87.

The Health Services available in Swisher County include a [general acute care hospital](#) with a 24 hour emergency room (designated as a level 4 trauma center), which is staffed by physicians. The Hospital also provides rehabilitation services including physical and occupational therapy and cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation.

We also have a rural health clinic with 4 physicians and a physician's assistant. Cardiac services are also available through an agreement with the Hospital and a cardiology group from Amarillo. All physicians accept Medicare and Medicaid. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services October 2007 report, there were 6 direct patient care and primary care physicians who practiced in the region. The ratio of total persons to each physician in the area was 1,459.5 residents per each physician.

According to the October 2007 report from the Texas Department of State Health Services, there was 1 pharmacist in this area, which is a ratio of 8,757.0 persons for each pharmacist. However, since that report, the local pharmacy was purchased by a husband-wife team, doubling the number of pharmacists in Tulia, and bringing the "unofficial" ratio to 2378.5. There are several other pharmacies within a half-hour drive.



Other services available are an Assisted Living Facility, Home Health Agency, Ambulance Service that is fully staffed 24 hours a day (with paramedics and EMTs.), a full service pharmacy that is opened 6 days a week and a 52 bed nursing home.

We also have several regional medical centers in close proximity to Swisher County. In Amarillo (50 miles North), there are 2 medical centers, a VA hospital, a heart hospital, a diagnostic clinic, and numerous specialists. In Lubbock (70 miles south), there are also 2 medical centers, including Texas Tech Health Science Center. These medical centers also have air ambulance service available to Swisher County.

Emergency Medical Services



The Emergency Medical Services available in Swisher County include:

Tule Creek EMS – This is fully staffed, fully paid (not volunteer), 24 hours a day. The service consists of 5 paramedics, 5 advanced EMTs and 4 basic EMTs.

Air Ambulance – In addition to Tule Creek EMS, air ambulance service is available out of Amarillo and Lubbock utilizing both helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft.