



Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Application for Chronic Condition or Critical Care Residential Customer Status

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- This Application must be completed in order to obtain the designation of Critical Care or Chronic Condition Status with your utility.
- **This Application will not be processed and approved if incomplete, unreadable, or improperly submitted.** All information is required, unless otherwise indicated.
- For questions about this Application, call **Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.** during normal business hours at the phone number below:

Utility Provider:	Phone:	Fax:	Mailing Address:	Website:
WHARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	979-543-6271	979-543-6259	PO Box 31 El Campo, Texas 77437	mywcec.coop

- **Submission of this application does not automatically result in chronic condition or critical care status.** Notification of the status granted will be provided to the Member at the mailing address provided.
- Pursuant to the rules of the Tariffs for Wharton County Electric Cooperative, designation as a chronic condition or critical care residential member does not relieve a member of the obligation to pay for electric service, and service may be disconnected for failure to pay.
- **Chronic condition or critical care status does not guarantee an uninterrupted, regular, or continuous power supply. If electricity is a necessity, you must make other arrangements for on-site back-up capabilities or other alternatives in the event of loss of electric service.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **WCEC Member:** Complete PAGE 2 of this application, and provide to patient’s physician for completion. **This application will not be approved unless submitted by fax or email by the physician to Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.**
- **Physician:** After completing PAGE 3 of the following pages, please forward only PAGES 2 and 3 to the Member’s Utility Provider indicated on the form (using fax number or email address listed above).

PAGE 2 – To Be Completed by the WCEC Member

PART 1: ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

Member's Name:

(Name on electric account)

Patient's Name:

(Name of Patient, who is living permanently at the Service Address, and who needs critical care or chronic condition status. The Patient may be the same person as the Member.)

Service Address *(found on your electric bill)*

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Mailing Address *(if different than Service Address)*

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Account Number**Member's Primary Phone:****Member's Alternate Phone:** (if any)

Emergency (Secondary) Contact Information *(Your application will be rejected unless you include an emergency contact name or insert "I choose not to provide an emergency contact name". Failure to include an emergency contact may result in disconnection of your electric service without notice if Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is unable to contact you and your electric bill is overdue.)*

Name of Emergency Contact:**Mailing Address:**

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone (if any):** _____

WCEC Member:

I have read and understood the information and certify that the information provided on this Application is correct. I understand the information may also be used to determine whether I am eligible for additional notices and other protections relating to my electric service available by the Tariffs for Electric Service from Wharton County Electric Cooperative and may be used to provide notices relating to my electric service to the Emergency Contact.

Signature: _____**Date:** _____**Patient/ Patient's Guardian, Parent, or Managing Conservator:**

I have read and understood the information and certify that the information provided in this application about me (or the patient) is correct. I agree to the release of the information on this form concerning my (or the patient's) medical condition for the purposes stated on this application.

Signature: _____**Date:** _____

(Signature required, even if same person as Member.)

PAGE 3 – To Be Completed by the Patient’s Physician

FROM PAGE 2:	
PATIENT’S NAME:	
WCEC MEMBER’S NAME:	WCEC ACCOUNT NUMBER:

PART 2: ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

	YES	NO
Option #1		
1) The patient is dependent upon an electric-powered medical device <u>to sustain life.</u>		

-AND/OR-

	YES	NO
Option #2		
2) The patient has a serious medical condition that requires an electric-powered medical device or electric heating or cooling to prevent impairment of a major life function through a significant deterioration or exacerbation of the person’s medical condition.		
a) If yes to # 2 above, has the above medical condition been diagnosed as a life-long condition?		

Physician Name: (printed)	
Texas Medical Board License Number:	
Phone:	Fax:
Physician Signature:	Date:

After completing the Application, please forward a faxed or electronic copy of the completed and signed application to Wharton County Electric Coop., Inc. indicated in part 1 on page 2. See page 1 for utility fax and email addresses.