

In a *Galveston County Daily News* letter-to-the-editor today a reader expresses confusion when it comes to the Health District and what is being proposed to deal with uninsured health care in Galveston County. FYI: In the print edition the paper has a previously run photo of the entrance to the Texas City 4C's clinic with the following caption, "*One reader is confused about the county health district and asks what it does for the community. The health district which runs the county 4C's clinics, and a county hospital district proposed as part of the solution to UTMB's problems are different entities.*"

Does County Have A Health District Or Not?

I'm really confused after reading Leigh Jones' article "City might end EMS contract with health district" (The Daily News, Feb. 16), about a contract with Galveston Health District for ambulance service.

I thought Galveston didn't have a health district. What has been all the blabber in the paper about creating one?

If we have a health district — who is it? Where is it? What is "it" doing for the residents of Galveston? How is it working to provide continuing health care? What powers does it have with the University of Texas regents?

Please point the residents of Galveston to whoever we need to contact with this "Galveston Health District." I want to talk to them. I'm sure other residents do, too.

I moved to Galveston in 2002 because I am within 10 years of retirement and I wanted a lovely place to retire and to be close to health facilities. In the past four months, I first did without; then I was forced to drive more than 20 miles one way just to see my health care provider, who used to be just blocks away.

We need to know this: If we have a health district, what is it doing for us? If there's a contract with it, that must mean it exists!

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