

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
STAR Kids Waiver, PPECC, or PDN Age Outs Transition No Later
than May 1, 2021**

For the purpose of the document, the term "STAR Kids Waiver" refers to STAR Kids members enrolled in Medically Dependent Children's Program (MDCP), Community Living Assistance & Support Services (CLASS), Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD), Texas Home Living (TxHmL), Youth Empowerment Services (YES), or Home & Community-based Services (HCS). These members could also be receiving Private Duty Nursing (PDN). Additionally, "PPECC or PDN" refers to members who are enrolled in STAR Kids but are non-waiver and receiving any amount of Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center (PPECC) or PDN services.

Note: The processes outlined below do not apply to STAR Kids who are not in a waiver and/or not receiving PPECC or PDN. MCOs will be notified through the 834 enrollment file of members transitioning to S+P who are not in a waiver and/or receiving PPECC or PDN.

Priority 1 Population:

STAR Kids members who turned 21 years old 4/1/2020 – 2/28/2021 and have not been referred to a STAR+PLUS MCO.

- 2/1/21 – PSU will notify the STAR+PLUS MCO via Form H3676 of the age out referral or default the member if a timely MCO selection has not been made.
- The STAR+PLUS MCO will have 45 days to complete the assessment.
- STAR+PLUS HCBS will be effective the first day of the month following the member meeting all eligibility criteria.
- All STAR Kids members must transition by 5/1/2021.

- If the ISP exceeds the STAR+PLUS HCBS program cost limit, STAR+PLUS MCOs must process the transition General Revenue (GR) requests using the standard processes for submitting documentation to HHSC Utilization Review (Section, 3421.6 Individual Service Plan Cost Exceeds 202 Percent of the Resource Utilization Group Cost Limit)
 - Notify PSU via Form H2067, the ISP is pending GR determination.
 - If a GR determination cannot be made prior to 5/1/2021, the member will remain in STAR Kids until a final GR determination is issued.

Note: All 1700's related to the Age-Out process must be posted to TxMedCentral.

Priority 2 Population:

STAR Kids members who turned 21 years old 4/1/2020 – 2/28/2021, have been

referred to the STAR+PLUS MCO and may or may not have been assessed for STAR+PLUS HCBS.

- 2/1/21 – PSU will notify the STAR+PLUS MCO via Form H2067 to proceed with the age out transition and complete the assessment and ISP process within 45 days of the 2067 notice from PSU. The STAR+PLUS MCO must follow-up with the member to verify if the previous plan developed still meets the member’s needs.
- If the previous plan is still appropriate, transition the member to STAR+PLUS HCBS as early as 3/1/2021, and no later than 5/1/2021.
- If the member declares changes and the plan will not meet the member’s needs, the STAR+PLUS MCO must:
 - Perform a new MN/LOC via telehealth/telephone;
 - Develop a new ISP that will meet the member’s needs.
- STAR+PLUS HCBS will be effective the first day of the month following the member meeting all eligibility criteria.
- All STAR Kids members must transition by 5/1/2021.

- If the ISP exceeds the STAR+PLUS HCBS program cost limit, STAR+PLUS MCOs must process the transition GR requests using the standard processes for submitting documentation to HHSC Utilization Review (Section, 3421.6 Individual Service Plan Cost Exceeds 202 Percent of the Resource Utilization Group Cost Limit)
 - For GR packets that were submitted prior to the PHE, the STAR PLUS MCO must:
 - Conduct a new MN/LOC and other required assessments via telehealth/telephone;
 - Develop a new Individual Service Plan including the entire H1700 series
 - Submit an updated GR packet using the standard processes for submitting documentation to HHSC Utilization Review (Section, 3421.6 Individual Service Plan Cost Exceeds 202 Percent of the Resource Utilization Group Cost Limit)
 - Notify PSU via Form H2067, the ISP is pending GR determination.

If a GR determination cannot be made prior to 5/1/2021, the member will remain in STAR Kids until a final GR determination is issued.

Note: All 1700’s related to the Age-Out process will continue to be posted to TxMedCentral.

Priority 3 Population:

STAR Kids members who will turn 21 years old 3/1/2021 – 5/31/2021.

- 2/1/21 – PSU will notify the STAR+PLUS MCO via Form 3676 of the age out referral or default the STAR Kids member if a timely STAR+PLUS MCO selection has not been made.
- The STAR+PLUS MCO will have 45 days to complete the assessment.
- STAR+PLUS HCBS will be effective the first day of the month following the member meeting all eligibility criteria.
- All STAR Kids members turning 21 (3/1/2021 – 4/30/2021) must transition by 5/1/2021.
- All STAR Kids members turning 21 (5/1/2021 – 5/31/2021) must transition by 6/1/2021.
- If the ISP exceeds the STAR+PLUS HCBS program cost limit, STAR+PLUS MCOs must process the transition GR requests using the standard processes for submitting documentation to HHSC Utilization Review (Section, 3421.6 Individual Service Plan Cost Exceeds 202 Percent of the Resource Utilization Group Cost Limit)
 - Notify PSU via Form H2067, the ISP is pending GR determination.
 - If a GR determination cannot be made prior to 5/1/2021, the member will remain in STAR Kids until a final GR determination is issued.

All 1700's related to the Age-Out process will continue to be posted to TxMedCentral.