



Managing Managed Care

The transition of nursing facility residents at Legend, and all over the state, to STAR+PLUS managed care will be effective March 1, 2015. Legend Healthcare is actively working with the HHSC & MCOs to ensure a successful transition is achieved for our patients, their families, our employees and our other health care partners.

In the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, Senate Bill (S.B.) 7 was passed. S.B. 7 directed the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide nursing facility services through the STAR+PLUS Medicaid Managed Care Program.

Beginning March 1, 2015, nursing facility services will be provided through STAR+PLUS statewide. This transition will move about 50,000-60,000 nursing facility residents into one of the five Managed Care Organizations (MCO) contracted with the state of Texas to provide STAR+PLUS managed care services. The five MCOs providing STAR+PLUS services include: Amerigroup, Superior, Molina, United HealthCare, and Cigna-HealthSpring. Nursing facility residents will need to choose one of the MCOs operating in their respective service area prior to March 1, 2015. If the resident does not choose their own health plan, the resident will become automatically enrolled in a health plan chosen by the state.

Texas' decision to provide nursing facility Medicaid beneficiaries healthcare through managed care programs was based on the belief it would shrink the cost of Medicaid spent on these services, while improving services to nursing facility residents. Legend Healthcare is dedicated to helping the state achieve their goals of increasing cost efficient, quality based healthcare to nursing facility patients. We have formed strong partnerships with the HHSC and MCOs in order to educate them on the business of caring for our patients, and ensure the transition only strengthens our ability to deliver the highest quality healthcare.

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- For more information and resources, please go to the Health and Human Services Commission's [webpage on STAR+PLUS Expansion](#) to learn more.
- View the [STAR+PLUS Service Areas](#) and the [STAR+PLUS Medicaid Rural Service Area \(MRSA\) Regions](#).