Enrollment of 1915 (c) Waiver Clients Eligible for the STAR Program
in the Medicaid Rural Service Area – July 1, 2012

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Individuals who are receiving 1915(c) waiver services in the Medicaid Rural Service Area (RSA) – Northeast, Central, and West Regions, and are eligible for STAR Medicaid managed care will begin receiving enrollment packets May 18, 2012.

- The STAR enrollment packet will include information on how to enroll
  - mail, phone or in person.
- Individuals must choose a health plan and main doctor by the date in the enrollment packet or the state will assign one.

Populations Mandatory for the STAR Program:
- TANF recipients,
- pregnant women,
- newborns,
- children receiving Medicaid assistance only,
- individuals age 21 or older receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and don’t receive Medicare
- Individuals who meet STAR eligibility criteria and are enrolled in a DADS 1915(c) waiver program, (Community Living Assistance and Support Services, Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities, Home and Community-based Services, Medically Dependent Children’s Program, Texas Home Living and Community Based Alternatives) and do not receive Medicare will receive their acute care services through STAR.

Population Voluntary for the STAR Program:
- Children age 20 and younger receiving Supplemental Security Income and don’t receive Medicare

Excluded Populations:
- Individuals who receive both Medicaid and Medicare (dual eligibles)

Authorized Persons Providing Enrollment Assistance
Authorized Persons may assist an individual receiving 1915(c) waiver services in the STAR enrollment process if the following criteria is met when contacting the STAR enrollment helpline:

1. Authorized person has permission from client to call
2. Authorized Person with permission from the individual is a:
   - Family member
   - Friend
   - Neighbor
   - Long term services and supports provider of waiver services (not currently contracted with a STAR managed care plan in the Medicaid RSA)

And

3. Authorized Person Verifies:
   - Recipient’s Name
   - Medicaid Identification number
   - Social Security Number
   - Date of Birth

Enrollments must be completed by June 15, 2012, for an effective date of July 1, 2012.