Clarification to ‘STAR+PLUS Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Effective March 1, 2015’

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This is a clarification to the article titled “STAR+PLUS Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Effective March 1, 2015,” which was published on this website on March 4, 2016. The clarification is as follows:

The STAR+PLUS MMP demonstration project became effective March 1, 2015. The plan prompts managed care plans to oversee both the Medicare and Medicaid responsibility for dual eligible clients. Providers should send claims to the Medicare Managed Care Organization (MCO) for all Medicare and Medicaid services for clients who are enrolled members.

A beneficiary participating in the demonstration receives both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, including Part D prescription drugs from a single, integrated MMP. Eligible individuals have access to a network of medical, behavioral health, and supportive services, including acute care services covered under Medicare and long term care services under Medicaid through one MMP. Clients can locate MMP participating providers through the Online Provider Lookup.

Note: Nonemergency medical transportation (non-ambulance), hospice and Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) are paid consistent with current program policies. This program is not the STAR+PLUS Program and does not replace the STAR+PLUS Program, which will continue.

Certain beneficiaries will be transferred out of STAR+PLUS in some counties and into this demonstration program for dual eligible participants.

Eligible Participants

Only clients enrolled in STAR+PLUS who are 21 years of age or older, do not have third-party insurance (other than Medicare and Medicaid), and reside in one of the following six designated counties can participate in the demonstration program: Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Hidalgo, or Tarrant.

Specific plan codes located in the managed care section of a client's eligibility file have been created to identify MMP clients.

Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) Participating in the Program

Providers can visit the following link for a list of the participating MCOs: MCOS participating in the STAR+PLUS Medicare-Medicaid Plan

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.