

Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee

Transition to Managed Care Subcommittee

May 3, 2023



Introductions

- Joy Kearny now a manager in Office of Policy. Same work she's been doing with STAR+PLUS Pilot Program.

STAR+PLUS Pilot Program

- Joy Kearny, Office of Policy, MCS
- Reviewing where we are with the rider:

158. STAR+PLUS Pilot Program Implementation.

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission use the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.6, STAR+PLUS Pilot Program, to implement the initial phase of the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program authorized under Subchapter C, Chapter 534, Government Code.
- (b) In implementing the initial phase of the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program and to the extent permitted by state and federal law, the Health and Human Services Commission shall:

House

- (1) prioritize the provision of services under the pilot program to persons who have been diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability and are on an interest list for the following Medicaid waiver programs:
 - (A) the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver program; or
 - (B) the Texas Home Living (TxHmL) waiver program; and
- (2) ensure the number of persons to whom services are provided under the pilot program during the initial phase is a statistically valid number that does not exceed 4,000 persons.

- Issue Docket- funding for house, not for senate.

3. STAR+PLUS Pilot Program				House and Senate differ on funding provided for the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program: House: \$83,481,514 in All Funds (\$33,142,714 in General Revenue and \$50,338,800 in Federal Funds) and new Strategy A.3.6, STAR+PLUS Pilot Program See House Rider 158, Page II-96.
A.3.4 TEXAS HOME LIVING WAIVER	\$ 175,144,421	\$ 187,670,070	\$ 12,525,649	a. See Medicaid Items 2.a and 2.c.
A.3.6 STAR+PLUS PILOT PROGRAM	\$ 83,481,514	\$ -	\$ 83,481,514	a. See Medicaid Item 3.
B.1.1 MEDICAID & CHIP CONTRACTS & ADMIN	\$ 1,500,398,571	\$ 1,478,736,134	\$ 21,662,437	
Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
STAR+PLUS Pilot Program Implementation	II-96, Rider 158 Rider Packet, Page II-63			House provides intent that HHSC utilize funding to implement the initial phase of the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program authorized under Subchapter C, Chapter 534, Government Code.

- Comments:

- Susan Murphree- what does "initial phase" mean and what will the budget buy? We're underfunding the workforce and interest list/PI slots. I would be very concerned about trying to pull more money into the pilot from those particular areas (waiver slots or workforce). Can you clarify about "initial phase" and what the 83m will do?
 - Joy: I'm not sure what "initial phase" means either, that was the language drafted in the rider. The rider adds a strategy so I don't think it's pulling money from the funding streams you mentioned.
- Leah Rummel: do you think you'll be able to meet Feb 24 implementation date?

- Joy: It depends on what the final rider language looks like. If we have to rework eligibility criteria and enrollment we probably won't meet the February timeframe.
- Carole Smith: Would that impact the pilot's 2y existence? Would you be able to adjust dates as needed within the statute?
 - Joy: HHSC leadership is having conversations about that. They'd need funding and legislative direction.
- Murphree: About pilot benefits, can you share updates regarding throughs around benefits and what'd fit in the 83m?
 - Joy: No updates there. Benefits are outlined in statute and the rider doesn't change that.

IDD SRAC recommendations for HHSC's 2023 Legislative annual report on implementation, as required by Texas Government Code, Section 534.054

- Leah Rummel
- Going through old recommendations from [last legislative report](#) to see if there are changes the group wants to make. The following sections of the report were divided up to have separate workgroup meetings to discuss/finalize recommendations:
 - Funding
 - Operations
 - STAR+PLUS Pilot Program
 - Continuous Eligibility
 - Simplifying Access to Dental Services
 - Education on NEMT
 - Create Housing Transition Specialist as a Medicaid Waiver Benefit
 - Improve Use of Consumer Directed Services Option
 - Improving the Electronic Visit Verification System
 - Expanding Capacity for Health Care Service including Physician, Specialty Care, Behavioral Health and LTSS Services
 - Telemedicine/Telehealth/Telemonitoring (including access to LTSS)
 - Identify and Develop Acute Health Care Initiatives

- Monitor Quality on Acute and LTSS Benefits
- Improve the IDD Assessment Process
- Workgroups must have recommendations to TMC finalized for consideration by June 28.
- TMC must have recommendations to approve by July 11.
- SRAC recommendations must be finalized by July 27.