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STAR+PLUS Pilot Program Update

**Joint SP3W and IDD SRAC Meeting
June 1, 2023**

Presentation Overview

- Background
- Legislative Updates
- Next Steps
- Accomplishments



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IDD System Redesign Background

Establishment of Texas Government Code, Chapter 534 (1 of 2)

Senate Bill 7, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013

- Directs the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to design and implement a redesign of Medicaid services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).
- Creates the IDD System Redesign Advisory Committee (IDD SRAC) to advise HHSC in the development and implementation of the system redesign.
- Requires an annual report on implementation activities.



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Establishment of Texas Government Code, Chapter 354 (2 of 2)

Senate Bill 7

- Goals of Texas Government Code, Chapter 534
 - Improve outcomes.
 - Improve access to quality, person-centered, efficient, and cost-effective services.
 - Implement a capitated, managed care delivery system.
 - Implement the federal Community First Choice Option (CFC).



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House Bill 4533 (1 of 3)

House Bill 4533, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019

- Amends Texas Government Code, Chapter 534 and requires HHSC to develop and implement a pilot program through the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program to test person-centered managed care strategies and improvements under a capitated model.



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House Bill 4533 (2 of 3)

Stage one:

- Establish the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program Workgroup (SP3W).
- Coordinate and collaborate with SP3W and IDD SRAC.
- Evaluate dental services for pilot participants.
- Develop and implement the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program.



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House Bill 4533 (3 of 3)

Stage two:

- After the pilot, develop and implement a plan to transition the following programs:
 - September 2027 - Texas Home Living (TxHmL).
 - September 2029 - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS).
 - September 2031 - Nonresidential services provided under Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and Deaf-blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD).
- Implement pilot to evaluate feasibility and cost efficiency of transitioning residential services.



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IDD System Redesign (1 of 2)

Activities complete to date:

- Establish IDD System Redesign Advisory Committee (2014).
- Acute care transition to managed care (2014-2016).
- Community First Choice implementation (2015).
- Evaluations by UT Health and Deloitte (2019).
- Establish SP3W (2020).
- Development of SP3 (2019-2023).



IDD System Redesign (2 of 2)

Ongoing activities:

- Annual report due to the Legislature by September 30th.
- Monitoring of previous acute and Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) system redesign transitions.



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87th Legislative Session

- Received authority through 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 25) to fund SP3 technology changes, evaluation, and HHSC staffing required for the pilot program implementation.



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88th Legislative Session

- HHSC submitted Exceptional Item #7 to request funding for SP3 participant services and administrative costs. The SP3 exceptional item was not included in either chamber's budget.
- The final budget from the 88th Texas Legislature does not include a specific appropriation to operate SP3 and the HHSC is not able to move forward with implementing SP3 without an appropriation.





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Next Steps

What's Next for SP3? (1 of 2)

- HHSC will cease work on SP3.
- Based on statutory direction, a pilot must be implemented before HHSC can move forward with transitioning some or all long-term services and supports to managed care.
- Future SP3W meetings will be cancelled and there will be no new SP3W meetings (full or subcommittee) scheduled because the statutory charge focuses solely on SP3.
- Project closeout activities and materials will be completed.



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What's Next for SP3? (2 of 2)

- Finishing IT changes to the extent possible so work could be used in the future.
- Exploring if any of the work completed can be used to strengthen current programs.



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Accomplishments

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- Lessons learned and materials developed that can be used for future initiatives and improvements including:
 - Defined new Medicaid LTSS
 - Person-centered planning (My Life Plan)
 - Functional assessment (interRAI ID)
 - Explored alternative payment models for LTSS
 - Regulatory certification
 - A model for comprehensive LTSS providers in managed care
 - IT/ system changes



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