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STAR+PLUS Pilot Program

**Private Providers Association of Texas
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Presentation Agenda

- STAR+PLUS Pilot Program (SP3) Background
- Eligibility
- Enrollment
- Implementation
- Comprehensive LTSS Providers
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- Additional Information



SP3 Background



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Statutory Direction

- Texas Government Code, Chapter 534, Subchapter C 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.
- The statute requires HHSC to coordinate and collaborate with the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program Workgroup (SP3W) and Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee (IDD SRAC).

SP3 Purpose

- Test the delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS) for adults in STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care with:
 - Intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)
 - Excludes people currently enrolled in an IDD 1915(c) waiver or a community-based intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability (ICF/IID)
 - Traumatic brain injury (TBI) that occurred after the age of 21
 - People with similar functional needs without regard to age of onset or diagnosis



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SP3 Purpose (cont.)

- Evaluate the SP3 and inform the plan to transition all or a portion of services provided through IDD waiver and ICF/IID programs into managed care



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SP3 Evaluation

Comprehensive analysis due by Sept. 1, 2026

- Analyze the experiences and outcomes of changes
- Include feedback on the pilot based on personal experiences of pilot participants, families, and providers
- Include recommendations on:
 - Programs and services for consideration by the legislature;
 - Necessary statutory changes; and
 - Whether to implement the pilot statewide under STAR+PLUS for eligible members



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Service Area

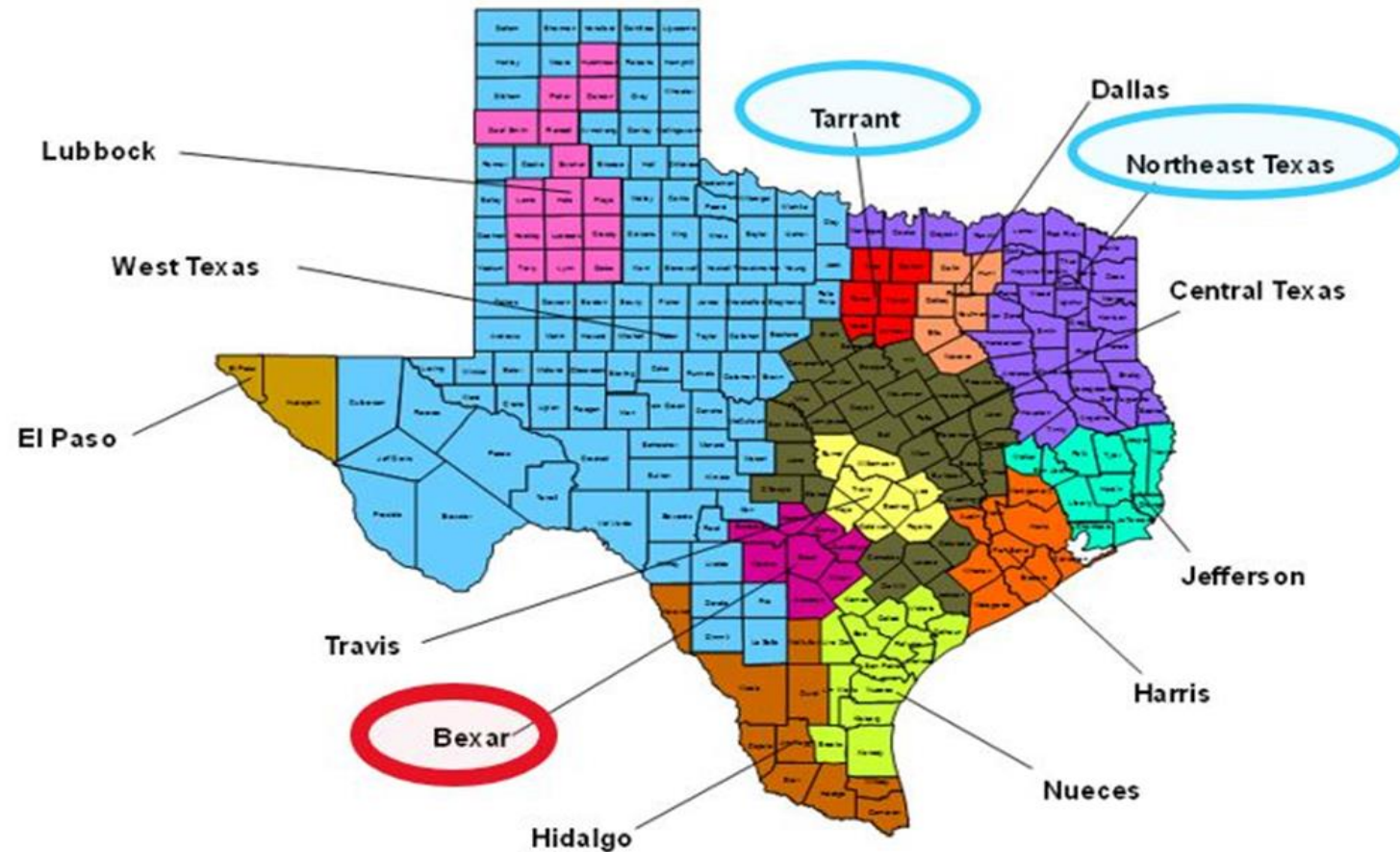
SP3 will operate in one of the following managed care service areas:

- **Bexar Managed Care Service Area** which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson counties.
- **Medicaid Rural Service Area Northeast** includes Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Delta, Red River, Bowie, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Morris, Cass, Rains, Wood, Camp, Upshur, Marion, Henderson, Smith, Gregg, Harrison, Anderson, Cherokee, Rusk, Panola, Houston, Nacogdoches, Shelby, Trinity, Angelina, San Augustine and Sabine counties.
- **Tarrant Managed Care Service Area** includes Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties.



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Managed Care Service Areas



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Eligibility



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SP3 eligibility is based on needs and is less stringent than current 1915(c) IDD waivers. Criteria focus on diagnosis and functional need, as opposed to meeting an institutional level of care.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for SP3 services a person must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be a Medicaid-eligible adult 21 years of age or older enrolled in STAR+PLUS; and
- Meet criteria for Target Group A or B below; and
- Demonstrate a need for at least one SP3 service.



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Eligibility Criteria (cont.)

- Meet needs-based eligibility criteria by having functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity:
 - Self-care
 - Receptive and expressive language
 - Learning
 - Mobility
 - Self-direction
 - Capacity for independent living
 - Economic self-sufficiency.



Eligibility Criteria (cont.)

Target Groups

- **Group A**

- People who have a diagnosis of:
 - An intellectual disability (ID)
 - Autism
 - A Traumatic Brain Injury
 - An Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
 - A condition on the Texas HHSC Approved Diagnostic Codes for Persons with Related Conditions List

(<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/doing-business-with-hhs/providers/health/icd10-codes.pdf>)



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Eligibility Criteria (cont.)

- **Group B**

- People enrolled in STAR+PLUS HCBS who have a diagnosis listed in Group A who could benefit from Pilot services not available to them in STAR+PLUS HCBS.



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Enrollment



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- Most SP3 participants will be automatically enrolled with the ability to opt out.
- Enrollment will be open for a limited time to ensure statistically viable and consistent population.
- Participants will be able to transition to a Medicaid waiver program if their slot becomes available during SP3 operation.

Implementation



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- SP3 implementation is partially dependent on the operational start date for the STAR+PLUS program.
- The current anticipated operational start date for STAR+PLUS is February 2024.
- SP3 will implement in three phases:
 - June 2022 – phase one included activities to determine the SP3 design.
 - September 2023 – phase two includes facilitating member selection of participating SP3 MCOs and readiness activities.
 - February 2024 – phase three includes initiation of assessments, service planning and service delivery for SP3 participants.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

- The STAR+PLUS Request for Proposal (RFP):
 - Posted: March 2022, at:
<http://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbddetails/view/HS0011062>
 - The SP3 information can be found in Exhibit G.
 - Anticipated Notice of Award: March 2023
 - Anticipated Start of Operations: February 2024
- Updated information on the STAR+PLUS procurement can be found here:
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/business/contracting-hhs/procurement-opportunities>



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STAR+PLUS RFP Contact

Discussions regarding the active procurement are prohibited, but questions or comments can be sent to the Sole Point of Contact for the procurement:

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Comprehensive LTSS Provider



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A comprehensive LTSS provider (CSP) is an existing provider of:

- Home and Community Based Services (HCS)
- Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
- Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
- Community-Based Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with ID and related conditions (ICF/IID)

CSP Regulatory Certification

- Texas Government Code, Section 534.252(a)(1) requires HHSC to implement and maintain a certification process and regulatory oversight over providers under HCS and TxHmL waiver programs.
- Entities that meet the definition of a CSP are required to obtain the SP3 Regulatory certification.



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CSP Regulatory Certification

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- There will be a certification process for SP3 CSPs that is separate from existing requirements for IDD waiver and ICF/IID program providers.
- HHSC is in the early stages of developing rules.
- Updates and information about the SP3 certification are discussed during IDD SRAC and SP3W open meetings.
- Timeline for the certification process will be shared once finalized.



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CSP Contracting

- CSPs in the SP3 service area will be significant traditional providers and their participation is voluntary.
- CSPs interested in participating in SP3 will pursue SP3 certification and contract with a SP3 MCO.
- Opportunities for enhanced incentive payments for CSPs.



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Service Planning



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SP3 service planning will be based on the results of a functional needs-based assessment and person-centered planning.

All SP3 participants will receive SP3 service coordination to facilitate the service planning process.

Service Planning Tools

- **Screener Tool** will provide a snapshot of functional needs and identify age of onset if not already determined.
- **interRAI ID and CAP** will be used as the functional needs-based assessment in SP3.
- **My Life Plan** will be used as the person-centered planning framework for SP3.
- **SP3 Individual Service Plan** includes information about the participant, services to be provided and effective date.



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SP3 provides participants an array of home and community-based services to live an independent life and participate in the community with choice and self-determination.

Services

- Adaptive Aids
- Adult Foster Care
- Assisted Living
- Audiology
- Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy
- Dental Treatment
- Emergency Response
- Employment Assistance
- Financial Management Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Minor Home Modifications
- Nursing Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Personal Assistance Service/Habilitation
- Physical Therapy
- PAS/Protective Supervision
- Respite (in and out of home)
- Speech Therapy
- Support Consultation
- Supported Employment Services
- Transportation
 - Community Attendant
 - Mileage Reimbursement

Note: HHSC is exploring the listed benefits. An updated benefits list will be shared once the cost is determined.



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Services (cont.)

- Behavior Supports
- Enhanced Behavior Support Specialty
- Enhanced Behavior Family/Caregiver Coaching Services
- Enhanced Behavioral Extended Substance Use Disorder Services
- Enhanced Behavioral Peer Supports
- Enhanced Behavioral Therapeutic In-Home Respite
- Enhanced Behavioral Therapeutic Out-of-Home Respite
- Individualized Skills and Socialization
- Housing supports
- Enhanced Medical Services
- Remote Monitoring
- Dietary Services
- Specialized Therapies
- Orientation and Mobility
- Intervener

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Additional Information



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For additional information please visit the following webpages:

- [STAR+PLUS Pilot Program \(SP3\)](#)
- [STAR+PLUS Pilot Program Workgroup](#)
- [Intellectual & Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee](#)

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Thank You

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