

## **STAR+PLUS Waiver (SPW) Applicant Home Visit Talking Points**

Your Transition from the Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) to the SPW program

The following is information you will need to know:

1. Beginning at midnight of your 21st birthday, you will no longer be eligible for MDCP or Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) Private Duty Nursing (PDN), Skilled Nursing (SN), or Personal Care Services (PCS).
2. SPW services are an option available to you at age 21. SPW services are:
  - Personal Assistance Services
  - Dental Services
  - Nursing Services
  - Physical Therapy
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Speech Therapy
  - Medical Supplies
  - Adaptive Aids
  - Minor Home Modifications
  - Respite Care
  - Emergency Response Service
  - Home Delivered Meals
  - Assisted Living
  - Adult Foster Care
3. Included is an information packet that contains a list of the health maintenance organizations (HMOs) in your area and a comparison chart to assist you in making a selection.
4. It is important for you to choose an HMO at least six months before your 21st birthday in order to avoid being assigned an HMO or having a gap in services.
5. You can change HMOs anytime after the first month of enrollment.
6. SPW has a cost limit based on a medical assessment. Based on this assessment, the cost limit is established for your annual service plan.
7. The HMO will develop a service plan within the cost limit that will meet your needs and ensure health and safety.
8. If a service plan cannot be developed within the cost limit that meets your needs and ensures your health and safety, then the SPW application will be denied.

9. The service plan considers all resources available to you, including community supports, other programs and your informal support system (family, friends, etc.) that can provide assistance to meet your needs.
10. The SPW application procedures will begin six months before your 21st birthday. Other Department of Aging and Disability Services staff will contact you to begin the application process and find out which HMO you selected. If you have not selected an HMO, then you will have an additional 30 days to make your decision. After 30 days, an HMO will be selected for you.
11. After the HMO is selected, the HMO service coordinator will contact you to begin the assessment for services and assist you in identifying and developing additional resources and community supports to help meet your needs.
12. The HMOs contract with providers that may not typically have nurses available for daily nursing care. You and your family may need to help in identifying nurses who will be willing to work with you.

Your MDCP case manager will contact you every three months to monitor your transition to the SPW program until your 21st birthday.

The provider will assist you in determining the services needed within the list of SPW services to meet your needs and ensure your health and safety.