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**Medicaid EDG:** <caseID>

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To the addressee or guardian of:

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[VER] <addressLine2>  
[LTR] <addressLine1>  
<city>, <state> <zipCode>-<zipCodeExt>

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### Re: Your Medicaid is Changing

Dear <memberName> or guardian:

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#### **[You or your child will soon be in the Medicaid STAR Kids program.]**

STAR Kids is a Texas Medicaid managed care program for children and adults 20 and younger who have disabilities. You will choose a health plan for yourself or your child that will provide health services like those you get now, such as:

- Doctor visits
- Medicines
- Therapies
- Help with daily tasks
- Nursing services

Starting November 1, 2016, you will work with the health plan to get services you or your child need, when they are needed.

This won't change how you or your child gets dental services.

You are getting this letter because you or your child is in one or more of the following groups:

1. You or your child receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
2. You or your child are part of a Texas Medicaid waiver program, such as:
  - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
  - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
  - Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
  - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
  - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
  - Youth Empowerment Services (YES)
3. You or your child participates in a Texas Medicaid Buy-In program.
4. You or your child lives in a community-based intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or related condition (ICF/IID) or nursing facility.

Children and young adults in these groups will get services through the state's new STAR Kids program starting November 1, 2016.]

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[You or your child also will get Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) waiver services, such as respite, through STAR Kids. If you currently hire and manage your own attendants through the consumer directed services option, you can still do that.]

[Print this section if non-Waiver]

[If you or your child lives in a community-based intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or related condition (ICF/IID) or nursing facility, your long-term services will be provided the same way they are now.]

[Print this section if Other Waiver]

[If you or your child receives long-term services from any of the following programs, they will be provided the same way they are now:

- Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
- Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
- Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
- Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
- Youth Empowerment Services (YES) ]

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[You or your child will also get Medicaid behavioral health services through STAR Kids instead of the NorthSTAR program.]

[Print this section if Dual Eligible]

[Your Medicare benefits won't change. You will keep using Medicare for basic medical services and medicine ordered by your doctor.]

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### **[What should I do now?**

Use the personal worksheet that came with this letter to help you get ready to choose a health plan. You will get a packet from us in the mail in about a month. It will have a letter that will tell you more about STAR Kids and the health plans in your area. It will also help you choose a health plan.

### **Have questions? We're here to help. Call us toll-free.**

Call **1-877-782-6440** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday to Friday. If you have a speech or hearing disability, call **7-1-1** or **1-800-735-2989**. More information about STAR Kids, including upcoming information sessions, can be found on the Texas Health and Human Services Commission STAR Kids webpage at: [www.hhsc.state.tx.us/starkids](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/starkids).]

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