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**Medicaid EDG:** <caseID>

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To the addressee or guardian of:

[DRS] <hohName>

[VER] <addressLine2>

[LTR] <addressLine1>

<city>, <state> <zipCode>-<zipCodeExt>

[IMB Postal Barcode]

Dear <hohName> or guardian:

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**[Soon, you or your child can join the Texas Medicaid STAR Kids program.]**

You or your child can get Medicaid services through the STAR Kids program starting November 1, 2016. This option is for children and adults 20 and younger with disabilities who are members of a federally recognized tribe.

**What is the STAR Kids program?**

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

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

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.]

[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 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)

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- Youth Empowerment Services (YES) ]

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[As of January 1, 2017, behavioral health services will no longer be available through the NorthSTAR program. If you choose a STAR Kids health plan, your health plan will provide your behavioral health services starting November 1, 2016. If you do not choose a STAR Kids health plan, you will have to get your behavioral health services through traditional fee-for-service Medicaid starting January 1, 2017.]

[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.]

### **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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