

Adoption Assistance and Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer in Managed Care

The 83rd Texas Legislature tasked HHSC with many managed care initiatives, including a cost-containment measure to carve in remaining Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) populations into managed care. On March 1, 2017, HHSC will transition the adoption assistance (AA) and Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer (MBCC) populations to Medicaid managed care.

The AA population consists of about 44,500 children who are adopted from Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) conservatorship. These children will be transitioned to the STAR program. To meet the needs of these children, STAR MCOs will be required provide additional oversight related to service management, continuity of care, medical history sharing, and psychotropic drug utilization review.

MBCC provides full Medicaid coverage to women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. Services are not limited to the treatment of breast and cervical cancer, and will continue as long as the Medicaid provider certifies that active treatment is required for breast or cervical cancer. As of June, 2015, there were about 4,785 MBCC recipients. Women receiving MBCC services will be transitioned to the STAR+PLUS program through which they will have service coordination to better address this population's complex medical needs and help with continuity of care.

More information will be shared at a later date.