

Members with Special Health Care Needs Data Request Due June 10, 2016

Background

HHSC must submit data on enrollment into managed care for people with special health care needs (SHCN) in the annual report to CMS.¹ Members with special health care needs (MSHCN) are members who: (1) have a serious ongoing illness, a chronic or complex condition, or a disability that has lasted or is anticipated to last for a significant period of time, and (2) require regular, ongoing therapeutic intervention and evaluation by appropriately trained health care personnel.

STAR and STAR+PLUS MCOs are required to identify MSHCN. All STAR+PLUS and former foster care child (FFCC) members are considered MSHCN. MCOs may identify other members as MSHCN based on their own criteria. MCOs are also required to provide service plans, service management, or if in STAR+PLUS, service coordination, to these members.

Request

HHSC requests that STAR and STAR+PLUS MCOs provide data on the number of members with special health care needs for each month in the first half of state fiscal year 2016 (September 2015 - February 2016) for each plan code. The data should include the number of new members (new to the plan), the total number of MSHCN, and the total number of MSHCN who have a service plan for each.

Additionally, HHSC requests that plans provide a brief description of the methods used to identify members as MSHCN, including any changes to those methods implemented during the reporting period.

If you have questions, please send them to Amanda Woodall at amanda.woodall@hhsc.state.tx.us. Please submit your data and methods by **June 10, 2016**, to Amanda Woodall at amanda.woodall@hhsc.state.tx.us, with a copy to your health plan management team.

NOTE: A quarterly MSHCN report has been added to the Uniform Managed Care Manual, however due to the reporting period of the first quarterly report, HHSC must use ad hoc reports for the first three quarters of fiscal year 2016. HHSC will send a separate request for the third quarter in the near future.