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## **Medicaid: The View from the HHSC**

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## **STAR Kids Overview**



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- Senate Bill (S.B.) 7, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2013
- Capitated Medicaid managed care program  
Children and young adults (under age 21) with disabilities
- Implemented November 1, 2016

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## STAR Kids Population & Enrollment



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- Member total – approximately 165,000
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
  - Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) waivers
    - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
    - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
    - Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
    - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
  - Youth Empowerment Services (YES)

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## Service Coordination



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- Levels 1 to 3 determined by member need
  - Level 1 – greatest need (includes MDCP)
  - Level 2 – moderate need (includes personal care, nursing)
  - Level 3 – lowest need
- Named service coordinator
- Face-to-face and telephonic contact frequencies

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## STAR Kids Screening and Assessment (SK-SAI)



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- Goals for care
- Acute services, including behavioral health
- Long term services and supports (LTSS)
- School, work, and caregiver supports
- Medical Necessity and RUG (replaces MN/LOC)  
Approved by Texas Medicaid Health Partnership (TMHP)
- Completed annually, at minimum

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### A Modular Assessment

- The Core  
Required, identifies most needs, may trigger other modules
- Personal Care Assessment Module (PCAM)
- Nursing Care Assessment Module (NCAM)
- Medically Dependent Children Program Module (MDCP)

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