### Medicaid in Depth – the Battle to Preserve Benefits In the Trenches

The University of Texas School of Law 20th Annual Changes and Trends Affecting Special Needs Trusts

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### Who are we? And how did we get here?:

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Haley Greer: Director of The Arc of Texas Master Pooled Trust

#### James:

13 years old

**VACTERL** 

100% G tube feeding, esophageal atresia

Congenital heart issues, 80% O2

Loves Marvel and Lego

**MDCP** 



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The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy

without fighting.

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# Prepping for Annual Renewal:

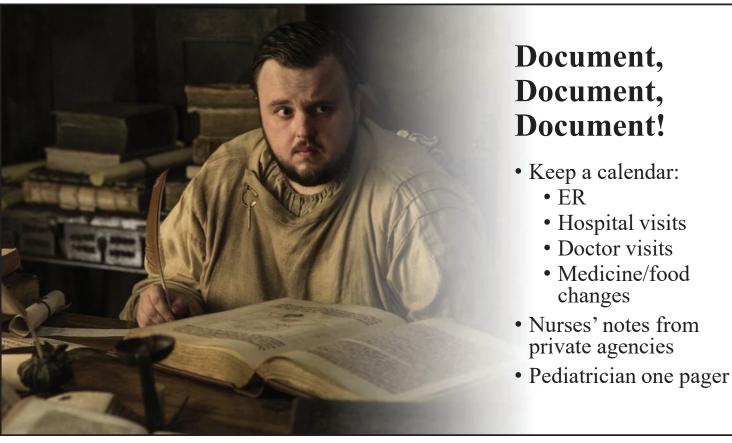
- Goal: no reduction in benefits
- Ask for prior year assessment (STAR Kids Screening and Assessment Instrument)
- Fill out before assessment with current status
- Review questions with any another caregiver(s):
  - Other caregivers may see things differently
  - Brainstorming/mitigate disagreements



## "Snapshots in Time"

- Coordinate doctor appt. 7 days before assessment date
- New doctor orders, weight and height
- Have therapy dates locked in w/in the last 7 days for OT, PT, and ST
- Coordinate as many therapy hours as allowed b/c part of assessment includes therapy hours

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