

Deadline approaching for nursing home residents to pick STAR+PLUS plans

This month, more than 50,000 people in Texas nursing homes will get letters from HHSC reminding them to pick a STAR+PLUS health plan. The letters are part of the process to expand the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program by including nursing home services.

Most adults 21 or older who live in a nursing home and have Medicaid will get their Medicaid services through the STAR+PLUS managed care program starting March 1.

Medicaid nursing home residents who are not eligible for STAR+PLUS will remain in traditional Medicaid. Those not eligible for STAR+PLUS include Medicaid recipients age 20 and younger and women in the Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Others not affected by the nursing home transition include people living in the Truman W. Smith Children's Center or any Texas State Veterans Home.

Residents who get reminder letters this month will have until February 6 to pick a health plan. Those who miss the deadline will be assigned to a STAR+PLUS plan based on medical and claims history.

HHSC is hosting enrollment events at more than 1,100 nursing homes statewide. To find a list of these events, visit [Texas Medicaid Events](#). To learn more about enrolling with STAR+PLUS, or to change your plan, call the STAR+PLUS Help Line at 1-877-782-6440.

Visit the [STAR+PLUS Expansion](#) page of the HHSC website to see the letters mailed to nursing home residents or to watch a video about the nursing home transition.

Providers of Medicaid nursing home services are encouraged to contact the [STAR+PLUS plans](#) in their areas with questions. Providers also can visit the [Adding nursing facilities to STAR+PLUS](#) page for more information, or email Managed_Care_Initiatives@hhsc.state.tx.us.