

Texas 2014 Transition Plan

- The populations outlined below will be added to the Texas Medicaid state plan and 1115 demonstration waiver pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- With the exception of the conversion to a modified adjusted gross income standard effective January 1, 2014 and the populations outlined below, no additional eligibility changes are being made to the 1115 waiver populations.
- The state will collect the information necessary for a MAGI determination at a beneficiary's first renewal in 2014. Beneficiaries do not need to take any action to maintain eligibility outside of the standard redetermination process.
- The state will check a beneficiary for eligibility under other MAGI categories prior to termination. However, the state will not be able to check for eligibility on a non-MAGI basis prior to terminating the beneficiary since Texas does not have on record all of the information necessary for a non-MAGI determination for all beneficiaries.
- The state currently uses a partially pre-populated renewal form. Texas is working on a timeline for implementation of fully pre-populated renewal forms.
- From October 1 through December 31, 2013, the state will not transfer accounts to the Marketplace. During this time period, denial notices will be sent to applicants who are ineligible for Medicaid that direct beneficiaries to the Marketplace. The state will help to direct denied applicants to Healthcare.gov. Beginning on January 2014, the state will transfer accounts to the Marketplace.

Eligibility Category	Children ages 6-18 between 101-133% of FPL	Former Foster Care Children up to age 26
Federal Authority	§1902 (a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) as amended by ACA	Current Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid for Transitioning Foster Care Youth (MTFCY)- §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVII) • Former Foster Care in Higher Education (FFCHE)- Texas Human Resources Code §32.02471, state-funded program January 1, 2014 authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Foster Care Children- §1902 (a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) as added by ACA
Benefits	State Plan Benefits	State Plan Benefits
Delivery System	Managed Care	Managed Care

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Transition Process	<p>Upon enrollment or re-enrollment, individuals will be screened using the streamlined application as required by ACA, or the integrated application <u>(no new application will be needed for re-enrollment)</u>.</p> <p>Beginning October 1, 2013, HHSC will conduct screening using current eligibility rules and if found ineligible under existing rules, MAGI rules will be applied.</p> <p>Consistent with current enrollment practices, eligible individuals will be provided choice of managed care plan. The enrollment broker will also provide information on Medicaid benefits, and assist with selecting a doctor. If the selected Medicaid managed care plan differs from the previous CHIP managed care plan, medical history on the individual will be provided for continuity of care.</p>	<p>Texas currently covers MTFY ages 18 up to 21 and FFCHE ages 21 up to age 23. These populations are not currently in the 1115 demonstration waiver. Eligible individuals in these groups will be identified and transitioned to the Medicaid former foster care children’s group beginning January 1, 2014. Notification will be sent to these individuals prior to the transition in January 1, 2014.</p> <p>Three months prior to any individual within this group transitioning to a different program, benefit and plan information will be provided by the enrollment broker.</p> <p>Consistent with current enrollment practices, eligible individuals will be provided choice of managed care plan.</p> <p>If the selected Medicaid managed care plan differs from the previous managed care plan, medical history on the individual will be provided for continuity of care.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Notification</p>	<p>Current communication processes have been leveraged for changes to the state plan and waiver.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal notification • Public notice of intent • Rules notification <p>For eligible individuals, the enrollment broker will provide information on plan selection and benefits.</p> <p>Any party interested in obtaining information about the waiver or the public notice can contact the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) with questions either by mail or email. Tribal governments have the opportunity to provide comments regarding any changes to the State’s waivers.</p>	<p>Current communication processes have been leveraged for changes to the state plan and waiver.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal notification • Public notice of intent • Rules notification <p>Letters will be sent to prior to the transition of individuals from MTFCY and FFCHE to the new former foster care group. The enrollment broker will also provide information on plan selection and benefits.</p> <p>Any party interested in obtaining information about the waiver or the public notice can contact the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) with questions either by mail or email. Tribal governments have the opportunity to provide comments regarding any changes to the State’s waivers.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Content of notices</p>	<p>The public notice of intent can be found on page 91 in the following link: http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/backview/0726/0726is.pdf Attached please find the tribal notification.</p> <p>Additional notifications are under development.</p>	<p>The public notice of intent can be found on page 91 in the following link: http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/backview/0726/0726is.pdf Attached please find the tribal notification.</p> <p>Additional notifications are under development.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Community Outreach</p>	<p>A communication workgroup was established. General information has or will be conveyed via presentations, letters, or other public forums, including, but not limited to the</p>	<p>A communication workgroup was established. General information has or will be conveyed via presentations, letters, or other public forums, including, but not limited to the following</p>

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	<p>following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Advisory Committees • Public Stakeholder Forums • State Agency Partners (e.g. Texas Workforce Commission, Office of Attorney General, etc.) • Legislative Offices • Existing Clients • Federally Recognized Tribes • Hospitals and Hospital Associations • Federally Qualified Health Centers • Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Organizations • Physicians and other Providers • Food Assistance Organizations • Application Assisters • Faith Based Organizations • Existing Agency Councils • Client Advocates • Community Based Organizations • United Way • Existing HHSC Contractors <p>HHSC conducts quarterly calls to consult with tribes. Information on ACA related changes is provided during these meetings.</p>	<p>groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Advisory Committees • Public Stakeholder Forums • State Agency Partners (e.g. Texas Workforce Commission, Office of Attorney General, etc.) • Legislative Offices • Existing Clients • Federally Recognized Tribes • Hospitals and Hospital Associations • Federally Qualified Health Centers • Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Organizations • Physicians and other Providers • Food Assistance Organizations • Application Assisters • Faith Based Organizations • Existing Agency Councils • Client Advocates • Community Based Organizations • United Way • Existing HHSC Contractors <p>HHSC conducts quarterly calls to consult with tribes. Information on ACA related changes is provided during these meetings.</p>
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