



**HHSC: STAR Kids
Managed Care Advisory
Committee, January 6,
2021**



The [STAR Kids Managed Care Advisory Committee](#) advises on the establishment and implementation of the STAR Kids Medicaid managed care program which provide services for children with disabilities who have Medicaid coverage to improve coordination and customization of care, access to care, health outcomes, cost containment and quality of care.

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Welcome, introductions, and opening remarks. The meeting was convened by the Chair, Elizabeth Tucker who stated that the purpose of the meeting is to finalize the recommendations previously developed and discussed.

Review and approval of STAR Kids Managed Care Advisory Committee Legislative Report (Vote required). **Please follow the link for the complete list of recommendations.**

Discussion and Comment.

The Chair called for any changes or edits.



This year's report adds on to other recommendations from last year for health homes and quality measures. Benefits have been noted from efforts that allow multiple providers in the same space to avoid fragmentation of care. This was encouraged due to the COVID Pandemic.

One of the key features of telemedicine is to take care of patients after hours. We could add a sentence or two about after-hours care.

Screening and Assessment and IDD waivers had some overlap with other committees. They provided updates to the last report. The focus was on the SKSAI. SB1207 was referenced in the report and preferred providers and continuity of care was covered. Recommended against a singular state MCO.

Transition to the adult system. Old recommendations were kept and recommendations were added related to billing codes; inclusion of STAR+PLUS having transition specialists and the necessary training and support; standardized template for transition plans was suggested. Best-practice sharing was encouraged among MCOs. Added value-based focus to transition.

Public comment. No public comment was offered.

MOTION: Approval of recommendations - prevailed.

Review of action items and agenda for future meeting.

Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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