



MEMORANDUM

TO: Managed Care Program Oversight
Enrollment Resolution Services
Program Support and Utilization Review
Managed Care Organizations

FROM: Office of Policy
Medicaid and CHIP Services

SUBJECT: 120 Day Medical Necessity Expiration for Initial Medically Dependent
Children Program Assessments

ISSUANCE DATE: 06/24/2022

HHSC: 22-06-002

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/24/2022

Effective immediately, an approved medical necessity (MN) expires after 120 days for an initial Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) applicant. The managed care organization (MCO) is required to complete a new STAR Kids Screening and Assessment Instrument (SK-SAI) if the applicant is not enrolled in MDCP within 120 days of MN approval. Within two business days after the 120th day from the date of Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) MN approval, HHSC Program Support Unit (PSU) staff will notify the MCO that:

- the MN determination is past 120 days; and
- a new SK-SAI is required for eligibility to be determined.

This notification will be completed by PSU uploading Form [H2067-MC, Managed Care Programs Communication](#), to TxMedCentral in the MCO's STAR Kids folder. The MCO must then complete and submit a new SK-SAI for the applicant to TMHP for a new MN determination before MDCP eligibility can be determined.

To prevent expiration of an MN prior to an applicant's enrollment in MDCP, the MCO must:

- communicate to applicants the importance of completing a Money Follows the Person (MFP) limited nursing facility (NF) stay in a timely manner (within 120 days of the original TMHP MN approval date); and
- coordinate the initiation of the application process and the MFP limited NF stay.

Language will be added to the STAR Kids Handbook to reflect this change in the upcoming revision, effective Sept. 1, 2022.