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IDD System Redesign

STAR+PLUS Pilot Program

Background

Chapter 534, Texas Government Code, directs a redesign of Medicaid services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

- Establish IDD System Redesign Advisory Committee (2014).
- Acute care transition to managed care (2014-2016).
- Community First Choice (2015).
- Evaluations by UT Health and Deloitte (2019).
- Ongoing annual report.



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House Bill (HB) 4533

Directed the development, implementation and evaluation of a pilot program through the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program to test person-centered managed care strategies and improvements under a capitated model.

Stage one:

- Establish Pilot Program Workgroup (PPW).
- Coordinate and collaborate with PPW and IDD System Redesign Advisory Committee (IDD SRAC).
- Evaluate dental services for pilot participants.
- Develop and implement STAR+PLUS Pilot by September 1, 2023.



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Stage two:

- Develop and implement a plan to transition the following programs:
 - September 2027 - Texas Home Living (TxHmL).
 - September 2029 - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS).
 - September 2031 - Nonresidential services provided under Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and Deaf-blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD).
- Implement pilot to evaluate feasibility and cost efficiency of transitioning residential services.



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STAR+PLUS Pilot

STAR+PLUS Pilot Purpose

- Test the delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS) for adults in STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care with:
 - IDD
 - Pilot excludes people currently enrolled in an IDD 1915(c) waiver or a community-based intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability (ICF/IID).
 - Traumatic brain injury (TBI) that occurred after the age of 21.
 - People with similar functional needs without regard to age of onset or diagnosis.



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STAR+PLUS Pilot Purpose (cont.)

- Evaluate the pilot and inform the plan to transition all or a portion of services provided through IDD waiver and ICF/IID programs into managed care.



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STAR+PLUS Pilot Evaluation

Comprehensive analysis due by Sept. 1, 2026.

- Analyze the experiences and outcomes of system changes.
- Include feedback on the pilot based on personal experiences of pilot participants, families, and providers.
- Include recommendations on:
 - A system of programs and services for consideration by the legislature;
 - Necessary statutory changes; and
 - Whether to implement the pilot statewide under STAR+PLUS for eligible members.



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STAR+PLUS Pilot Operation

- One service area selected by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
- HHSC will contract with up to two STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs).
- Pilot participants will have a choice of service delivery options including:
 - Consumer Direction Model; and
 - Comprehensive LTSS Providers
 - Term includes 1915(c) IDD Medicaid waiver program providers and ICF/IID program providers.



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STAR+PLUS Pilot Enrollment

- Enrollment will be open for a limited time to ensure statistically viable and consistent population.
- Pilot participants will be automatically enrolled with the ability to opt out.
- Informational materials are necessary for pilot participants to make an informed choice to stay in the pilot or opt out.
- Participants will be able to transition to a Medicaid waiver program if their slot becomes available during pilot operation.



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STAR+PLUS Pilot Benefits

Benefits listed in statute (Section 534.1045) include:

- Medicaid state plan acute care benefits and LTSS available under STAR+PLUS
- STAR+PLUS HCBS
- LTSS currently provided by 1915(c) waivers
- New LTSS for Texas
- Other non-residential LTSS determined by HHSC and stakeholders to be appropriate for the pilot



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Pilot Considerations

Elements of the pilot needing specific consideration per the statute:

- Increasing the use and flexibility of Consumer Directed Services (CDS).
- Improving and increasing access and availability by modifying the following services:
 - Adult Foster Care
 - Employment Assistance
 - Supported Employment



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Pilot Considerations (cont.)

- Innovative payment rates and methodologies for the provision of LTSS – such as enhanced incentive payments
- Opportunities to include innovative technology – such as increased use of telemonitoring
- Develop new LTSS benefits not currently included in waivers
 - Housing supports
 - Behavioral health crisis intervention
 - High medical needs services

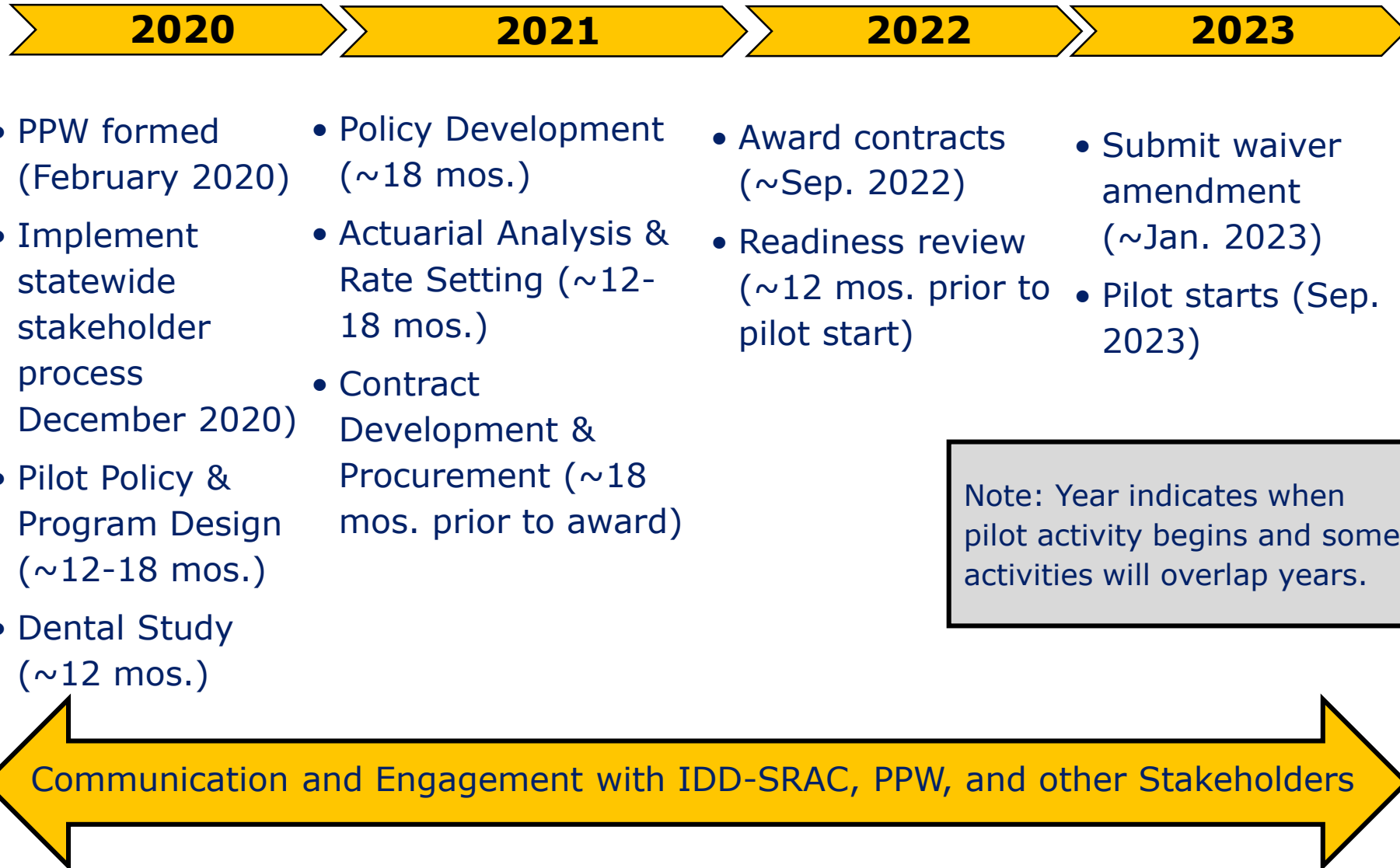


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Est. STAR+PLUS Pilot Timeline



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Legislative Sessions

- **January 2021**

- 87th legislative session exceptional item is focusing on development of the pilot and requisite infrastructure to ensure the pilot is operational by Sept. 1, 2023.

- **January 2023**

- 88th legislative session will focus on operation of the pilot.



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Pilot Exceptional Item

Exceptional item 8.a. IDD System Redesign and Waiver includes the following for the pilot:

- **Evaluation Contractor:**
 - Contracting with an external vendor for pilot program evaluation and performance measures



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Pilot Exceptional Item (cont.)

Exceptional item 8.a. IDD System Redesign and Waiver includes the following for the pilot:

- **Systems Modifications:**
 - Long-term care portal
 - Long-term care applications
 - Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP)
 - Automation of assessment instrument
 - Automation of person-centered planning tool
 - Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS) and eligibility support technologies



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Pilot Exceptional Item (cont.)

- **HHSC Personnel Costs:**
 - Center for Analytics and Decision Support, Quality Assurance, Regulatory and Office of the Ombudsman Staff
- **Enrollment Broker:**
 - Correspondence, postage and staff
- **Functional Need-Based Assessment:**
 - Manuals and licensing to print
- **Education and Outreach**



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Next Steps

- Continue collaboration with IDD SRAC and SP3W in planning the STAR+PLUS Pilot Program.
- Current and upcoming pilot topics include:
 - Outreach and education plan for potential participants and providers;
 - Innovative technologies;
 - Process to ensure pilot participants remain eligible for Medicaid for 12 consecutive months during the pilot operation;
 - Alternate payment methodologies; and
 - Measurable goals and evaluation.



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Next Steps (cont.)

- Assess the outcome of the 87th Legislative Session.
- Obtain decisions for final pilot design elements.
- Continue contract solicitation process.
- Meet with CMS to address outstanding pilot questions requiring federal guidance.
- Draft federal authorities.
- Continue engagement with IT/systems (progress contingent on funding).



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Thank You
