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Comprehensive Health Homes for Integrated Care (CHIC) Kids Pilot Program Legislative Report Installment One: Implementation

Subcommittee on Care Coordination

State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee



Agenda

- Background
- Legislative report requirements
- Legislative report installment one
- Resources

CHIC Kids Pilot Program

- Formally launched on December 1, 2022
- Focus is enhancing care coordination for children with complex medical conditions (CMC) through health homes
- Collaboration between a health home for CMC and a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) in the STAR Kids program
- Voluntary participation
- No funding allocated



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Legislative Report Requirements

- By December 31, 2024, HHSC must submit a report to the legislature that includes a summary of the pilot program's implementation.
- If the pilot program has been operating for a period sufficient to obtain necessary data, provide:
 - ▶ an evaluation of the pilot's impact on the coordination of care for children with complex medical conditions, and
 - ▶ a recommendation to continue, expand, or terminate the pilot program.



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Installment One

- Background
- Pilot development
- Pilot implementation
- Pilot evaluation design

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**Comprehensive Health
Homes for Integrated Care
Kids Pilot Program**

As Required by
Government Code Section 531.0605

Texas Health and Human Services
December 2024

Section I: Background

- STAR Kids program
- Service coordination
- Health home
- Advancing Care for Exceptional (ACE) Kids Act



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Section II: Pilot Development

- Stakeholder collaboration
 - ▶ STAR Kids
 - ▶ Health homes for children with complex medical conditions
 - ▶ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Participation requirements
 - ▶ Members
 - ▶ Health homes
 - ▶ MCOs



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Section III: Pilot Implementation

- Pilot site design
 - ▶ Collaborations
 - ▶ Care coordination arrangements
 - ▶ Financial arrangements
- Implementation feedback
 - ▶ Costs
 - ▶ Challenges
 - ▶ Factors supporting implementation



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Collaborations

- Eleven pilot sites
 - ▶ Eight STAR Kids MCOs
 - ▶ Nine health homes
- Clinics in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio
- New and existing arrangements

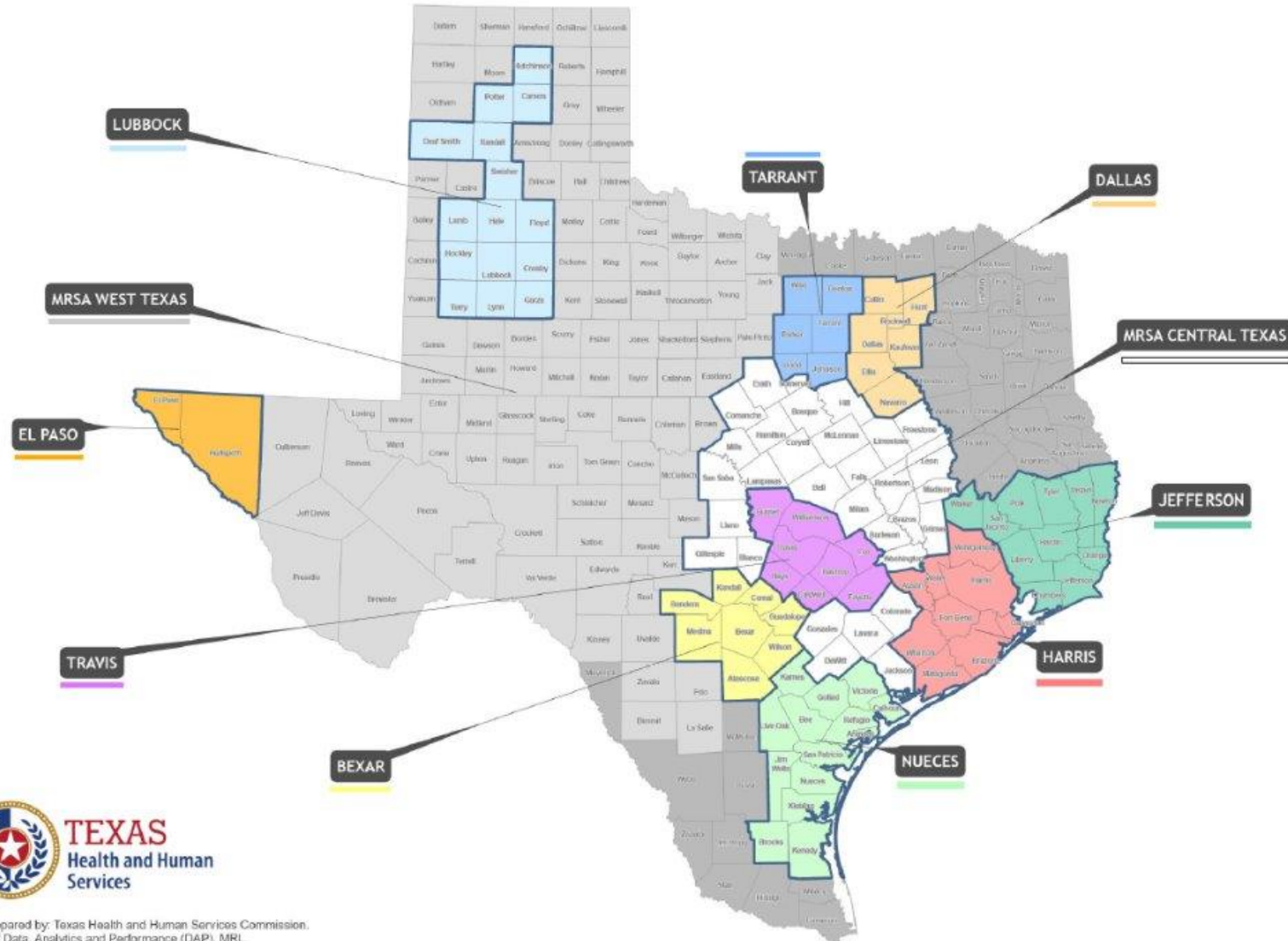


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MCO Service Delivery Areas (SDAs)



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Pilot Sites (Slide 1 of 2)

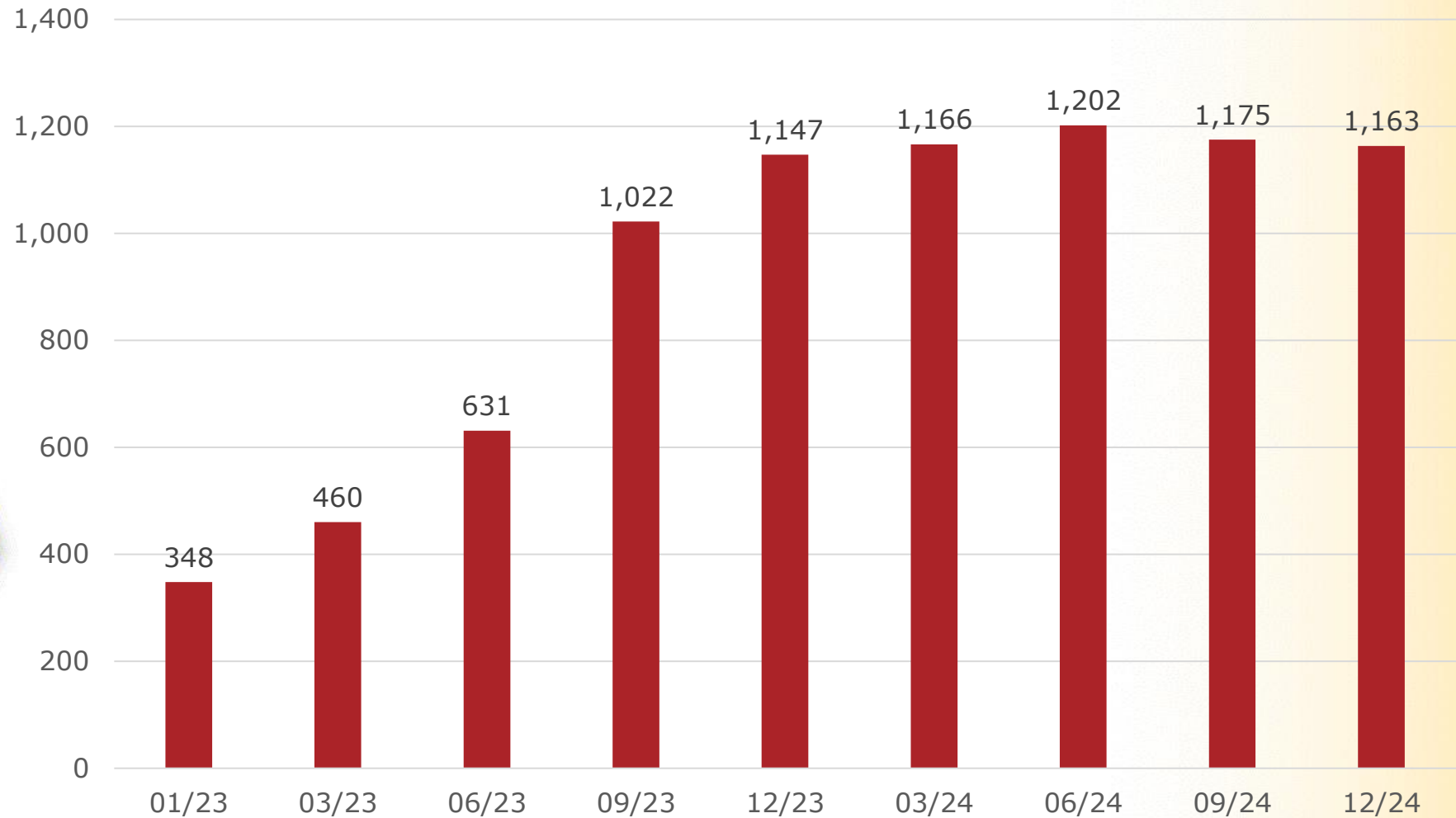
MCO	Health Home	SDA
Aetna Better Health of Texas	Children's Health	Dallas, Tarrant
Aetna Better Health of Texas	Children's Health Complex Care Medical Services	Dallas, Tarrant
BlueCross BlueShield of Texas	Dell Children's Comprehensive Care Clinic	Travis, Medicaid Rural Service Area Central
Community First Health Plan	University Medicine Associates	Bexar
Cook Children's Health Plan	Cook Children's Physician Network and Cook Children's Medical Center	Tarrant
Driscoll Health Plan	Coastal Children's Clinic	Nueces



Pilot Sites (Slide 2 of 2)

MCO	Health Home	SDA
Texas Children's Health Plan	Texas Children's Hospital Complex Care Clinic	Harris, Jefferson
United Healthcare	UT Health Complex Care Program	Harris, Jefferson
Wellpoint	Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health	Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Lubbock, Medicaid Rural Service Area West
Wellpoint	Children's Health Complex Care Medical Services Clinic	Dallas
Wellpoint	UT Health Complex Care Program	Harris

Member Participation



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Care Coordination Arrangements

- Collaboration: Six pilot sites
- Integration: Three pilot sites
- Delegation: Two pilot sites



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Financial Arrangements

- Pilot sites determined their own financial arrangements.
- All pilot sites use a per member per month alternative payment model.



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Pilot Sites' Feedback (1 of 2)

- Costs
 - ▶ One-time
 - ▶ Ongoing
- Challenges
 - ▶ Implementation timeframe
 - ▶ Accessible data systems
 - ▶ Reporting to HHSC
 - ▶ Member identification and education



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Pilot Sites' Feedback (Slide 2 of 2)

- Facilitating factors
 - ▶ Existing collaborations
 - ▶ Same parent system
 - ▶ Interoperable data systems



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Section IV: Pilot Evaluation

- Evaluation development
- Evaluation measures
 - ▶ Care coordination services
 - ▶ Access to health care services
 - ▶ Health outcomes
 - ▶ Family experience
 - ▶ Impact on MCOs and health homes



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Resources

- CHIC Kids Pilot Program website
www.hhs.texas.gov/about/process-improvement/improving-services-texans/comprehensive-health-homes-integrated-care-chic-kids-pilot-program
- CHIC Kids Pilot Program Legislative Report
 - ▶ Installment one (Dec. 2024)
www.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/chic-kids-pilot-program-legislative-report.pdf
 - ▶ Installment two (Jan. 2025)
www.hhs.texas.gov/regulations/reports-presentations



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