

**CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
WAIVER LIST**

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TITLE: Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program

AWARDEE: Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Title XIX Waivers

All requirements of the Medicaid program expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement, not expressly waived in this list, shall apply to the Demonstration project beginning January 15, 2021, through September 30, 2030. In addition, these waivers may only be implemented consistent with the approved Special Terms and Conditions (STCs).

Under the authority of section 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act), the following waivers of State plan requirements contained in section 1902 of the Act are granted in order to enable Texas to carry out the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program section 1115 Demonstration.

1. Statewideness Section 1902(a)

To enable the State to conduct a phased transition of Medicaid beneficiaries from fee-for-service to a managed care delivery system based on geographic service areas.

To the extent necessary, to enable the State to operate the STAR+PLUS program on a less than statewide basis.

2. Amount, Duration, and Scope of Services Section 1902(a)(10)(B)

To the extent necessary to enable the State to vary the amount, duration, and scope of services offered to individuals, regardless of eligibility category, by providing additional, or cost-effective alternative benefit packages to enrollees in certain managed care arrangements. To the extent necessary to enable the state to provide a greater duration of hospital services for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness.

3. Freedom of Choice Section 1902(a)(23)(A)

To the extent necessary, to enable the State to restrict freedom of choice of provider through the use of mandatory enrollment in managed care plans for the receipt of covered services. No waiver of freedom of choice is authorized for family planning providers.

4. Self-Direction of Care for HCBS Members Section 1902(a)(32)

To permit section 1915(c)-like Home and Community Based Services (hereinafter HCBS) members to self-direct expenditures for HCBS long-term care and supports as specified in paragraph 28(k) of the STCs.