

## **What is the STAR Program?**

The STAR Program is part of the Medicaid program. It is a form of Medicaid managed care. Medicaid recipients who live in STAR counties must pick a health plan and a Primary Care Provider (PCP).

Mothers and children who qualify for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and pregnant women receiving cash assistance must enroll in the STAR Program.

People receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can stay on regular Medicaid or choose the STAR program (except in the Nueces service area where clients with SSI are excluded from the STAR program).

In addition to the traditional Medicaid health care services, the STAR Program offers:

- An adult annual exam
- Unlimited prescriptions for adults
- No limit on necessary days in a hospital
- Health education classes, and
- Value added services. Value-added services are extra services each plan has decided to offer. Each plan may have different value-added services. Extra services may not be available for STAR members on SSI.

Your PCP will help you go to another doctor or hospital when you need to. You can call your PCP when you get sick at night or on weekends.

Your PCP will work to keep you healthy. Your PCP will make sure you get regular checkups.

If you have a mental health problem or a problem with alcohol and drugs, there are behavioral health benefits offered by all STAR health plans.

The STAR Program does not require you to pay for Medicaid covered services.

If you need to change your Primary Care Provider or have any problems getting health services call your STAR health plan. The name of your health plan and their phone number are listed on the front of your Medicaid ID form.