



*****STAR and STAR Kids Providers*****

Beginning September 1, 2017, most Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance (AAPCA) clients will begin receiving their benefits through managed care. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services operates AAPCA, Medicaid benefits will not change. Medicaid will continue covering doctor's visits, hospital visits, therapies, specialists, medical equipment and medical supplies. To learn more, visit hhs.texas.gov/AAPCA. Most AAPCA children and youth in AAPCA will get services through STAR. AAPCA children who meet STAR Kids criteria will be placed in the STAR Kids plan.

STAR AAPCA members will receive **Service Management**. This is a new term that is specific for the care management of the AAPCA members. STAR Kids AAPCA members get Service Coordination.

Authorizations for basic care such as specialist visits, medical supplies, etc., are honored for 90 days, until the authorization expires or until the health plan issues a new one. Authorizations for long-term services and supports are honored for six months or until a new assessment is completed (STAR Kids). During the transition period, members can continue seeing current providers, even if they are out of the health plan's network. Approved and active prior authorizations for covered services will be forwarded to the STAR or STAR Kids health plans prior to Sept. 1, 2017.