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Website	http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/managed-care/starplus/	http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/mdcp.html	http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/class.html	http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/dbmd.html	http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/HCS/	http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/txhtml.html
Waives off	Nursing facility (NF)	NF	Intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability or related conditions (ICF/IID)	ICF/IID	ICF/IID	ICF/IID
Year initiated	1998	1984	1991	1995	1985	2004
Ages served	Age 21 and older	Age 0 – 20	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages
Functional eligibility	Medical necessity and level of care criteria for nursing facility admission	Medical necessity and level of care criteria for NF admission	ICF/IID Level of Care (LOC) VIII: (1) primary diagnosis by a licensed physician of a related condition ¹ ; and (2) moderate to extreme deficits in adaptive behavior.	ICF/IID LOC VIII: (1) primary diagnosis by a licensed physician of a related condition such as deaf-blindness or a condition that will result in deaf-blindness; (2) moderate to extreme deficits in adaptive behavior; and (3) an additional disability that impairs independent functioning.	ICF/IID LOC I: (1) full scale IQ of 69 or below; or full scale IQ of 75 or below and a primary diagnosis by a licensed physician of a related condition; and (2) mild to extreme deficits in adaptive behavior; or ICF/IID LOC VIII ² : (1) primary diagnosis by a licensed physician of a related condition; and (2) moderate to extreme deficits in adaptive behavior.	See HCS

¹ Examples of a related condition include autism, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and rubella syndrome. More information is available at: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/guidelines/ICD-9-CM_Diagnostic_Codes.pdf

² As identified in Appendix B of the waiver application for nursing facility diversion or transition

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Financial eligibility	Monthly income within 300% of SSI monthly income limit (\$2,163)	Monthly income within 300% of SSI monthly income limit (\$2,163)	Monthly income within 300% of SSI monthly income limit (\$2,163)	Monthly income within 300% of SSI monthly income limit (\$2,163)	Monthly income within 300% of SSI monthly income limit (\$2,163)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSI (\$721 per month); • Medical Assistance Only (MAO);³ • Under 20 and financial responsibility of Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in foster home or group home with foster parent; • Medicaid for Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care; or • Member of family receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Consideration of parental income for eligibility of a minor	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes

³ MAO means an individual who qualifies financially for Medicaid but who does not receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments

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Individual annual maximum cost	202% of the institutional average Resource Utilization Group (RUG) value	50% of the institutional average RUG value ⁴ as of August 31, 2010 For cost limits see: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/cm-mdcp/	\$114,736	\$114,736	Cost limit is based on the individual's level of need (LON): - \$167,468 for LON 1 (intermittent); LON 5 (limited); and LON 8 (extensive) - \$168,615 for LON 6 (pervasive) - \$305,877 for LON 9 (pervasive plus)	\$17,000
Services available in all LTSS waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive aids (AA) • Employment assistance (EA) • Financial management services (FMS)⁵ • Minor home modifications (MHM) • Respite • Supported employment (SE) 					
Services available in all LTSS waivers except MDCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental • Nursing • Professional therapies⁶ • Support consultation⁷ • Unlimited prescriptions 					
Services unique to a single LTSS waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult foster care • Emergency response services (ERS) • Home delivered meals • Personal assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible family support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditory integration therapy • Continued family services • Support family services • Prevocational habilitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chore • Intervener • Orientation/mobility • Residential services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 to 3 person home - 4 to 6 person home (licensed assisted living) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 person home supported home living - 4 person home/residential support services - host home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support services (CSS)

⁴ For MDCP, Texas calculates nursing facility rates by RUG due to differences in individual acuity levels, resulting in 34 different cost limits (MDCP rates do not include add-ons related to ventilator use)

⁵ FMS is a requirement of the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option and is only available to individuals participating in the CDS option

⁶ Professional therapies include occupational, physical, speech, hearing and language therapies

⁷ Support consultation is only available under the CDS option and is only available to individuals participating in CDS

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	services (PAS)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialized therapies include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquatic therapy Hippo therapy Massage therapy Music therapy Recreational therapy Therapeutic horseback riding 	facility or ALF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> companion care Social work Supported home living 	
Services offered in two or more LTSS waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted living Cognitive rehabilitation therapy (CRT) Transition assistance services (TAS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral support services Case management CRT Dietary services Residential habilitation TAS Unlimited prescriptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted living Audiology Behavioral support services Case management Day habilitation Dietary services Residential habilitation TAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiology Behavioral support services CRT Day habilitation Dietary services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audiology Behavioral support services Day habilitation Dietary services
Where LTSS waiver services may be provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult foster care home ALF Community⁸ Family home Individual's home Integrated employment setting Respite only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult foster care home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Day care setting Family or foster care home Individual's home Integrated employment setting Respite only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accredited camps Host families' residence with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Day habilitation site Family home Individual's home Integrated employment setting Respite only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult foster care home ALF Camp Individual's home ICF/IID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to 3 person group home ALF (4-6 person) Community Day habilitation site Family home Individual's home Integrated employment setting Respite only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to 3 person group home ALF (4-6 person) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 or 4 person group home Community Day habilitation site Family home Host home /companion care setting Individual's home Integrated employment setting Respite only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Day habilitation site Family home Individual's home Integrated employment setting Respite only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp Group respite facility

⁸Examples include a doctor's office, grocery store, church, therapist office

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ALF - Individual's home - NF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFPS licensure - Individual's home - Licensed child care setting - Medicaid certified hospital - NF - Specialty care facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camp - ICF/IID - Individual's home - Private residence of respite provider 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group respite facility operated by an HCS provider - Host home/Companion care - Individual's home - Respite provider's home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> operated by an HCS provider - HCS group home - HCS host companion care home - Individual's home - Respite provider's home
LTSS services that may be provided by a legal guardian or relative⁹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA • Assisted living • CRT • Dental • EA • ERS • Medical supplies • MHM • Nursing • Professional therapies • Respite • SE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA • EA • Flexible family supports • MHM • Respite • SE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued family services (relative only) • CRT • EA • MHM • Residential habilitation • Respite (relative only) • SE • Support family services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA • Chore services • Day habilitation • EA • Intervener • MHM • Nursing • Residential habilitation • Respite • SE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day habilitation • Dental • CRT • EA • Host/companion care • MHM • Nursing • Professional therapies • Respite • SE • Supported home living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSS • Day habilitation • Dental • Dietary • EA • MHM • Nursing • Professional therapies • Respite • SE
Case management/ service coordination	Managed care organization	DADS	Contracted case management agency	Provider agency	Local intellectual and developmental disability authority (LIDDA)	LIDDA

⁹ Relative means a person who is related by blood or marriage; additional restrictions may apply regarding the provider of services (e.g., in TxHmL CSS and respite cannot be provided by relatives or a guardian who lives with the individual); spouses and parents of minor children are considered to have a legal responsibility to provide care and are not eligible for reimbursement as a service provider in any of the programs listed above.

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Services for which the consumer-directed services (CDS) option is available¹⁰	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA • CRT • Nursing • PAS • Professional therapies • Respite • SE • Support consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA • Flexible family support services • Respite • SE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing • Professional therapies • Residential habilitation • Respite • SE • Support consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA • Intervener • Residential habilitation • Respite • SE • Support consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRT • EA • Nursing • Respite • Support consultation • SE • Supported home living 	All services
Licensure/certification	Licensed by DADS for services provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALF • Home and community support services agency (HCSSA) 	Licensed by DADS as a HCSSA	Licensed by DADS as a HCSSA (direct service agency only)	Licensed by DADS for services provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALF • HCSSA 	Certified by DADS	Certified by DADS
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute care services: http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/contract/529130042/docs/Attachment-B-1.pdf • DADS interest lists: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/interestlist/archive/index.html • DADS program enrollment: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/news_info/budget/dadspocketguide12-2012.pdf • Mutually exclusive LTSS: http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/appendix/res/apx12.pdf 					

¹⁰ The CDS option is available only to individuals who live in their own home or family home. Individuals who choose the CDS option must also use FMS.