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Ms. Nicole Kaufman
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Dear Ms. Kaufman;

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) requests an amendment to the Section 1115 waiver number 11-W-00278/6 -Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program. HHSC proposes to amend the waiver by adding Day Activity Health Services to the HCBS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) STAR+PLUS Waiver for the 217 like group while maintaining budget neutrality.

Effective on September 1, 2012, the State will add Day Activity Health Services. This service will be for those individuals who are eligible for the HCBS STAR+PLUS Waiver and exceed the financial requirements for Day Activity and Health Services under the 1915(i) authority. Day Activity and Health Services are provided by licensed Day Activity and Health Services facilities to provide daytime services, up to 10 hours per day, Monday through Friday, to people residing in the community. Services address physical, mental, medical and social needs. Individuals may attend up to five days per week, depending on their eligibility. Services include: nursing and personal care; physical rehabilitation; noon meal and snacks; social, educational and recreational activities; and transportation.

Effective February 1, 2013, Medicaid eligibles meeting the level of care (LOC) for the Texas Home Living Waiver (TxHmL), that reside in STAR+PLUS Service Areas, will be enrolled in the STAR+PLUS program. Those same members will also be enrolled in the TxHmL waiver with the option of requesting disenrollment from the STAR+PLUS program. The individual will receive all State Plan and long term services and supports through the STAR+PLUS program and have access to those TxHmL waiver services that are not available in the STAR+PLUS

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program. Existing STAR+PLUS members who meet the LOC for the TxHmL waiver will have access to all TxHmL waiver services that are not available in the STAR+PLUS program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Betsy Johnson, Policy Analyst in the Medicaid and CHIP Division, serves as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached at (512) 491-1199 or by e-mail at Betsy.Johnson@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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