

# STAR Expansion

**STAR (Medicaid Managed Care) is expanding into six counties in the Lubbock Region starting September 1, 2011.**

- ☆ Carson
- ☆ Hutchinson
- ☆ Randall
- ☆ Deaf Smith
- ☆ Potter
- ☆ Swisher

On September 1, 2011, Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) Medicaid clients in the counties listed above will no longer receive Medicaid-covered health care services from PCCM. Based on the type of Medicaid they receive, PCCM clients in these counties will move to STAR managed care. However, SSI children remain voluntary enrollees in managed care. **FirstCare STAR** is one of the two STAR managed care organizations in the six expansion counties.

**If you have not signed and returned your contract please return it soon.**

*Important dates are listed below.*

**If you have questions or need a contract, please contact your FirstCare Provider Relations Representative, Marcella Webb, at 806-356-5273.**

**March 15, 2011**

STAR Contiguous  
County Expansion  
Training by HHSC.

1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Northwest Texas  
Hospital Pavilion

**April 1, 2011**

Due date for  
providers to be  
listed in the  
provider directory.  
Directory will be  
sent to members  
who will be moved  
from PCCM to STAR.

**September 1, 2011**

PCCM Medicaid  
clients are moved to  
STAR managed care.

## **Important Note:**

**If you currently have PCCM Medicaid clients and do not contract with a STAR managed care plan, you will lose your Medicaid clients when they are moved to STAR managed care.**

## **Other Medicaid Changes**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the procurement of the STAR program. You may receive contracts from many different managed care plans because of the RFP. The procurement effective date is expected to be some time in 2012. HHSC has two managed care expansion initiatives in progress at this time: the 2011 expansion into counties contiguous with current managed care service areas (six counties in Lubbock) and the 2012 expansion related to the RFP.