



MEMORANDUM

TO: Managed Care Program Oversight
Enrollment Resolution Services
Program Support and Utilization Review
Managed Care Organizations

FROM: Office of Policy
Medicaid and CHIP Services

SUBJECT: Update to STAR Kids MCO Business Rules for SK-SAI and SK-ISP

ISSUANCE DATE: 09/12/2022

HHSC: 22-09-001

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/01/2022

HHSC was directed by Senate Bill (SB) 1207, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, to improve the State of Texas Access Reform (STAR) Kids care needs assessment for initial and reassessment processes. The project was intended to reduce the amount of time needed to complete the assessment, improve training and consistency in completion of the assessment, and streamline the annual reassessment process for a child who has not had a significant change in function that may affect medical necessity.

On September 1, 2022, changes to the STAR Kids Screening and Assessment Instrument (SK-SAI) became effective. To align with these changes, HHSC revised the STAR Kids Handbook, [Appendix I, MCO Business Rules for SK-SAI and SK-Individual Service Plan \(SK-ISP\)](#).

Effective immediately, STAR Kids MCOs must adhere to the rules outlined in the updated MCO Business Rules for SK-SAI and SK-ISP.

Please email any questions to Managed_Care_Initiatives@hhs.texas.gov.