



# Presentation to Joint Committee on Aging

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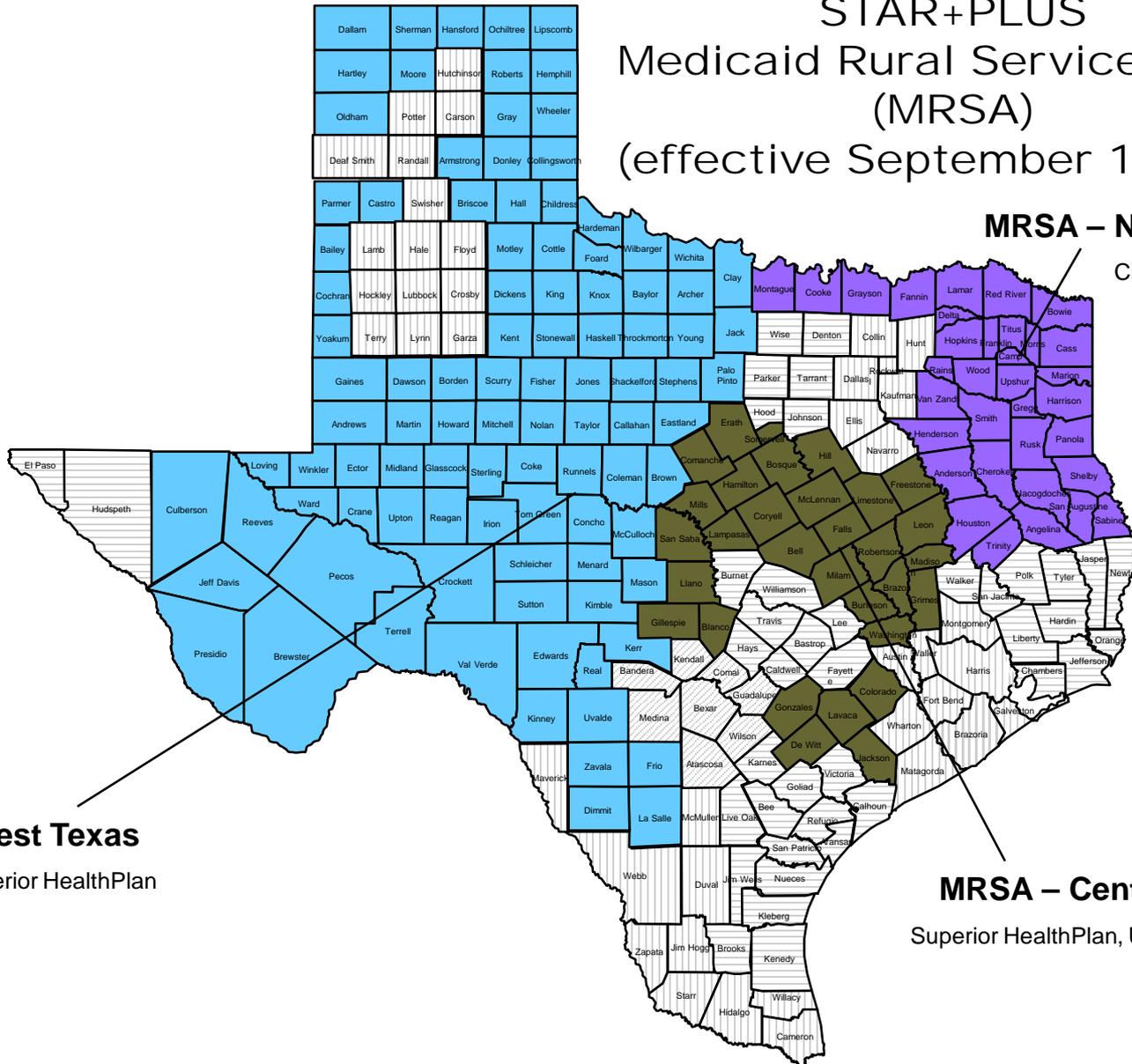
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# STAR+PLUS Expansion

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- Implementation Date: September 1, 2014
- STAR+PLUS will expand statewide to the Medicaid Rural Service Areas.
- An estimated additional 80,000 members in STAR+PLUS will be served.
- STAR+PLUS extends nursing facility community waiver services to all persons at or below SSI income.
- Of the 6,859 individuals currently on the Community-based Alternatives (CBA) interest list, an estimated 2,654 will be removed from the interest list and receive services through STAR+PLUS.

# STAR+PLUS Medicaid Rural Service Areas (MRSA) (effective September 1, 2014)



**MRSA – Northeast Texas**

Cigna-HealthSpring,  
UnitedHealthcare

**MRSA – West Texas**

Amerigroup, Superior HealthPlan

**MRSA – Central Texas**

Superior HealthPlan, UnitedHealthcare

# Nursing Facility Inclusion in STAR+PLUS

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- Implementation Date: March 1, 2015
- Nursing facility services will be provided through STAR+PLUS statewide.
- Intended to improve quality of care and promote care in the least restrictive, most appropriate setting.
- Between 50,000 - 60,000 nursing facility residents will transition to STAR+PLUS.

# Nursing Facility Populations in STAR+PLUS

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- Adults age 21 and older who are in a nursing facility, who have been determined eligible for Medicaid, and who meet STAR+PLUS criteria will be *mandatory*.
- Children and young adults under age 21 will be *excluded*.

# Nursing Facility Payment Claims

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- SB 7 requires MCOs to pay claims no later than ten calendar days after the submission of a clean claim. MCO's clean claim criteria will meet the criteria currently used by DADS.
- HHSC will set the minimum reimbursement rate paid to nursing facilities under STAR+PLUS, including the staff rate enhancement.
- HHSC will establish a portal through which nursing facilities may submit claims to participating MCOs.
  - Providers may choose to utilize the MCOs' claims portals as well.
- Unlike the standard MCO 95-day filing deadline, nursing facilities will continue to have a one year claims filing deadline.

# Nursing Facility Services in STAR+PLUS

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- DADS will:
  - Maintain nursing facility licensing, certification, and contracting responsibilities.
  - Maintain the Minimum Data Set (MDS) function.
  - Continue trust fund monitoring.
- MCOs will:
  - Contract directly with nursing facilities.
  - Ensure appropriate utilization of services.

# Dual Demonstration Project

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- Will begin no sooner than January 1, 2015
- Project goals are to:
  - Fully integrate care for Medicare and Medicaid dual eligible individuals with one health plan responsible for both Medicare and Medicaid services.
  - Improve quality and individual experience in accessing care.
  - Promote independence in the community.
- Population:
  - Full benefit duals are adults enrolled in Medicare who are also eligible for full Medicaid benefits.
  - Full benefit duals who are age 21 or older in six Texas counties (up to 150,000 individuals) required to receive Medicaid benefits through STAR+PLUS.

# Nursing Facility Quality Incentive Payments

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- Senate Bill 7 (83R) requires HHSC to share acute care savings with Nursing Facilities in order to implement quality payment incentives.
- Upper Payment Limit (UPL) supplemental payment program for nursing facilities became effective October 2013.

# Nursing Facility UPL: Number of Participants

- FFY quarters by Urban and Rural areas:

FFY Quarter	Total	Urban	Rural
First (Oct-Dec, 2013)	31	2	29
Second (Jan-Mar, 2014)	46	6	40
Third (April-Jun, 2014)	48	6	42
Fourth (Jul-Aug, 2014)	est. 48	est. 6	est. 42

- Once Nursing Facilities are carved into managed care, CMS requires that the Nursing Facility UPL program end.
  - Texas plans to transition to a quality-based payment program focused on transformative changes and shared savings.

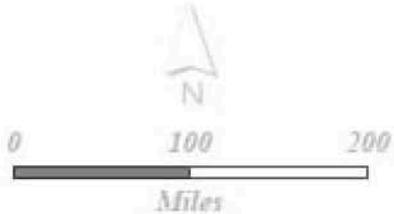
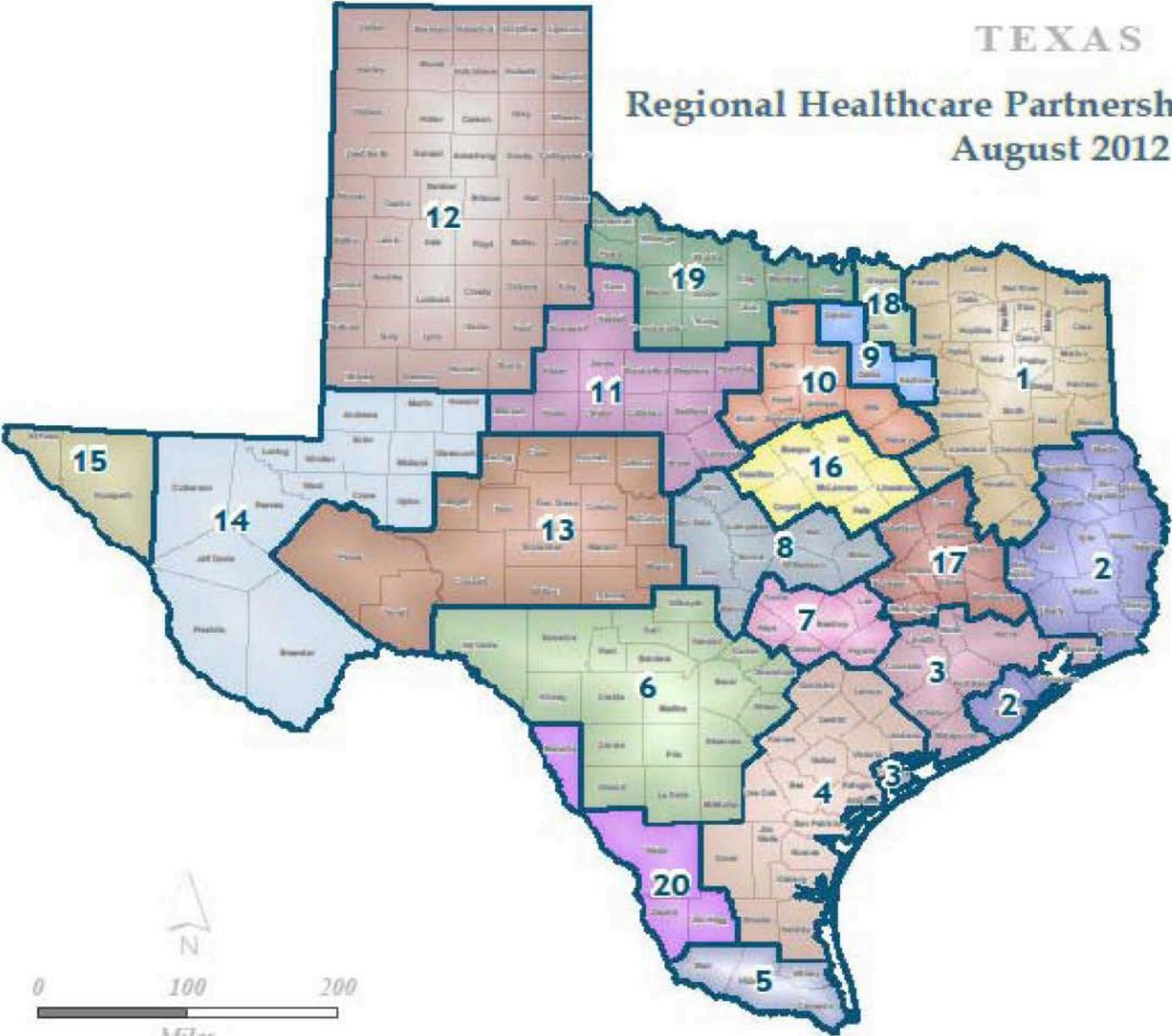
# 1115 Transformation Waiver Overview

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- Five-Year Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver (2011 – 2016)
- Allows expansion of managed care while protecting hospital supplemental payments under a new methodology.
- Incentivizes delivery system improvements and improves access and system coordination.
- Establishes Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHPs) anchored by public hospitals or another public entity in coordination with local stakeholders.

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## Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) Regions August 2012



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# DSRIP projects related to the Geriatric Population

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Examples of DSRIP projects that focus on the geriatric population:

- University of North Texas Health Science Center, RHP 10
  - Implement a community based geriatric primary care model to reach Medicaid elders as well as childless adult near elders through development of four mobile teams and two community-based clinics.
- Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center, RHP 16
  - Establish an integrated program for Medicare-Medicaid dual seniors designed to meet their physical and behavioral health needs.
- University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital, RHP 2
  - Enable improvements in care transitions and coordination of care for patients 65+ transitioning from a hospital setting to a nursing home/rehabilitation facility, to home health care through centralized care coordination.

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- **University Medical Center (Lubbock), RHP 12**
  - Implement the SNFist model within the nursing home and assisted living facility settings. A SNFist is a primary care physician with expertise in geriatric medicine who manages the health status of nursing facility and assisted living facility residents.
- **City of Houston Dept. of Health and Human Services, RHP 3**
  - Utilize community health workers to provide 24 sessions of essential education and assessment related to fall prevention and safety to low income older adults.
- **Red River Regional Hospital, RHP 1**
  - Provide a structured outpatient program for geriatric, behavioral health patients.