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Managed Care Roll-Out in Texas

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HHSC is beginning to introduce Medicaid Managed Care across Texas by rolling out acute health care first, long-term care services second, and supported employment last. Adults will adjust to these changes prior to children; metro areas prior to rural areas. Today each consumer may be at a different point in this process of selecting a Managed Care Organization (MCO) in order to be outfitted with new therapists and a new team of physicians.

Because many families are encountering this change effective 9/1/2014, we have invited HHSC to our conference. Deputy Director Gary Jessee will host a Stakeholder Meeting so that people may ask questions or provide feedback about the roll-out. His contracted Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will be present to listen to everyone's issues as well. This will be on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. (Even if you were scheduled into another conference session, HHSC and their MCOs will be available in the halls before and after the Stakeholder Session to discuss your specific situation).

Also at our conference, we will hold a Mock Legislative Bill Hearing where legislative staff will hear parents' suggestions about managed health care, managed transportation, and educational issues on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

If you are not attending the conference, yet need help with communicating with HHSC about these big changes, please contact me at linda.litzinger@txp2p.org or at 512-922-3810 cell/text.

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