**MEMORANDUM**

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| 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 |

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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)](https://www.hhs.texas.gov/handbooks/star-kids-handbook/appendix-i-mco-business-rules-sk-sai-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.

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