

Frew Discovery Request Due May 12

In July 2012, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the managed care organizations (MCOs) responded to a formal discovery request from *Frew* Plaintiffs' counsel regarding the 2010 "*Frew* No Care Study." Plaintiffs' counsel have requested updated information on this topic, and HHSC needs to determine if any of the MCOs have responsive information. HHSC requests each MCO to provide a response to the following questions no later than noon on **May 12, 2015**.

Please provide responses to Michelle Long at michelle.long@hhsc.state.tx.us and copy your health plan manager.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Michelle Long via email at michelle.long@hhsc.state.tx.us, or by phone at (512) 487-3401.

- (1) From July 23, 2012, through April 30, 2015, has your MCO conducted any analysis, research or studies to examine whether health care data for plan members age 20 and younger who are African-American enrolled in STAR, STAR+PLUS or STAR Health programs is different in any respect from that of members age 20 and younger of other races/ethnicities?
- (2) From July 23, 2012, through April 30, 2015, has your MCO gathered information or prepared any estimates about the rate of "No Care" for plan members age 20 and younger who are African-American enrolled in STAR, STAR+PLUS or STAR Health programs? "No Care" rates are defined as the percent of members enrolled in a MCO, but for whom the MCO pays for no care during a designated period of time.
- (3) From July 23, 2012, through April 30, 2015, has your STAR+PLUS plan received any input, feedback, or suggestions about possible changes to reduce "No Care" rates among STAR+PLUS members age 20 and younger? "No Care" rates are defined as the percent of members enrolled in a MCO, but for whom the MCO pays for no care during a designated period of time.
- (4) From July 23, 2012, through April 30, 2015, has your MCO gathered information or obtained documents that describe possible causes of or contributing factors to the disparity between "No Care" rates of plan members age 21 and younger who are African-American enrolled in STAR, STAR+PLUS or STAR Health programs and other members age 20 and younger? "No Care" rates are defined as the percent of members enrolled in a MCO, but for whom the MCO pays for no care during a designated period of time.

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, please provide the name and telephone number of the person that would be most appropriate to contact for more information.