<Date>

<Name>

<Address>

<City>, <State> <ZIP>

**Member ID: <Member #>**

**Rx ID: <RxID>**

**Rx GRP: <RxGRP>**

**Rx BIN: <RxBIN>**

**Rx PCN: <RxPCN>**

**Important: You have been enrolled into a new plan for your Medicare and Texas Medicaid Services. Keep this letter as proof of your coverage.**

<Name>:

**Welcome to <plan name> (a Medicare-Medicaid Plan)!**

Starting **<effective date>**, you will have a health plan designed to give you seamless, high quality care at a low cost or zero cost to you. <Plan name> is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and Texas Medicaid to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees.

Your new coverage includes:

* Your choice of doctors, pharmacies and other providers within the plan’s network who work together to give you the care you need
* Prescription drugs
* Long-term services and supports (Long-term services and supports include services for a long-term medical condition, like personal attendant services, so you don’t have to go to a nursing home or hospital.)
* Extra benefits and services, including a service coordinator [*Plans may insert:* and other covered services such as dental, vision, etc.]
* Durable Medical Equipment, like [*Plan must insert two or three examples of covered items, such as crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, oxygen equipment, hospital beds, speech generating devices, nebulizers, IV infusion pumps.*]

**This letter is proof of your new coverage. [***Plans that do not include the Member ID Card in the welcome mailing should insert:* **Please bring this letter with you to the pharmacy or office visit until you get your Member ID Card from us.**] If you have questions, call <plan name> Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY/TDD numbers>, <days and hours of operation>.

**What happens next?**

You may begin using <plan name> network primary care providers and pharmacies for all of your medical services and prescription drugs as of **<effective date>**. If you need emergency or urgently needed care,or out-of-area dialysis services, you can use providers outside of <plan name>’s network.

To help with the transition to <plan name>, you can keep seeing the providers you go to now for at least 90 days. You will also have access to at least one [*must be at least 30*]**-**day supply of the Part D drugs you currently take during your first 90 days in the plan if:

* you are taking a drug that is not on our List of Covered Drugs,
* health plan rules do not let you get the amount ordered by your doctor, or
* the drug requires prior approval by <plan name>.

[*Plans may insert the following if they elect not to include the new member kit with the welcome mailing:* You will get a new member kit with information separately.]

**The new member kit includes:**

* Summary of Benefits
* List of Covered Drugs (Formulary)
* Provider and Pharmacy Directory [*Plans may delete and replace with the following if they elect not to send the Provider and Pharmacy Directory to enrollees*: Instructions for getting more information about the providers and pharmacies in our network]
* [*Plans may insert the following if they elect to include the Member ID Card with the welcome mailing*: Member ID Card]
* [*Plans may insert the following if they elect to include the Member Handbook with the welcome mailing*: Member Handbook (Evidence of Coverage)]

[*If the plan elects to send the Member ID Card and Member Handbook separately from the welcome mailing, the plan must insert the following*: Before your enrollment date, we will send you [a Member ID Card] [and] [a Member Handbook (Evidence of Coverage)].]

**How much will I have to pay for <plan name>?**

You will not have to pay a plan premium, deductible, or copays when getting medical services through a <plan name> provider.

How much do I have to pay for prescription drugs?

[*If plan has any Part D cost sharing, insert the following paragraph and include LIS cost sharing information specific to the enrollee’s LIS level:* When you pick up your prescription drugs at our network pharmacy, you’ll pay no more than <**$\_\_\_**> each time you get a generic drug that’s covered by <plan name> and no more than <**$\_\_\_**> each time you get a brand name drug that’s covered by <plan name>. Copays for prescription drugs may vary based on the level of Extra Help you get. Please contact <plan name> for more details.]

[*If plan has any Texas Medicaid cost sharing, insert copay information here*.]

[*If plan has no cost sharing for all Part D and/or Texas Medicaid drugs, insert*: You pay **$0** for <all *or* the rest of> your prescription drugs covered by the plan.]

[*If applicable, insert:*

**How can I choose a primary care provider?**

*Information instructing member in simple terms how to select a primary care provider/site, how to get services, explaining which services do not need primary care provider’s approval (when applicable), etc.*]

**What if I have other health or prescription drug coverage?**

If you have other health or drug coverage, such as from an employer or union, you or your dependents could lose your other health or drug coverage completely and not get it back if you join <plan name>. Other types of health and drug coverage include TRICARE, the Department of Veterans Affairs, or a Medigap (Medicare Supplement Insurance) policy. Contact your benefits administrator if you have questions about your coverage.

**What if I don’t want to join <plan name>?**

You will be enrolled in <plan name> unless you cancel the enrollment before **<enrollment effective date>**. You can call the STAR+PLUS help line at 1-877-782-6440. You can call Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time, to cancel your enrollment with <plan name>. If you have a speech or hearing disability, call 7-1-1 or 1-800-735-2989. Tell the representative that you do not want Texas to enroll you in a Medicare-Medicaid Plan.

**What if I want to join a different Medicare-Medicaid Plan?**

To join another Medicare-Medicaid Plan, call the STAR+PLUS help line at 1-877-782-6440, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time. If you have a speech or hearing disability, call 7-1-1 or 1-800-735-2989.

**Can I leave <plan name> or join a different plan after <effective date>?**

**Yes.** You may leave <plan name> or choose a new Medicare-Medicaid Plan **at any time** by calling the STAR+PLUS help line at 1-877-782-6440. You can call Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to

6 p.m. Central Time. If you have a speech or hearing disability, call 7-1-1 or 1-800-735-2989. If you choose to leave <plan name> and don’t want Texas to enroll you in another Medicare-Medicaid Plan, your coverage will end the last day of the month after you tell us.

If you leave <plan name> and don’t join a Medicare health or prescription drug plan, you’ll be covered under Original Medicare, and Medicare will enroll you in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

**What if I have questions?**

* For questions about **<plan name> or this notice**, call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>, <days and hours of operation>, or visit <web address>.
* For questions about **other enrollment choices**, call a State Health Insurance Assistance (SHIP) counselor at 1-800-252-3439 (TTY: <insert TTY number>), <days and hours of operation>.
* For questions about **coverage decisions, appeals, or complaints**, call the HHSC Office of the Ombudsman at 1-866-566-8989 (TTY: 1-800-735-2989), <days and hours of operation>.
* For questions about **Medicare**, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY: 1-877-486-2048), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit the Medicare home page at http://www.medicare.gov.
* For questions about **Texas Medicaid**, call 1-800-252-8263 (TTY: <insert TTY number>), <days and hours of operation>.

[*Plans are subject to the notice requirements under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. For more information, refer to https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/section-1557.*]

You can get this document for free in other formats, such as large print, braille, or audio. Call [*insert Member Services toll-free phone and TTY/TDD numbers, and days and hours of operation*]. The call is free. [*Plans must provide the information in alternate formats when a Member requests it or when the plan identifies a Member who needs it.*]