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Aligning Technology by Linking Interoperable Systems (ATLIS) for Client Health Outcomes

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The ATLIS Program



ATLIS is a proposed incentive program under the authority of [42 CFR 438.6\(b\)2](#) to expand the exchange of electronic health information



The goal of ATLIS is to improve Medicaid client outcomes and advance alternative payment models



ATLIS provides an estimated \$800 million in potential incentive funding in fiscal year 2025



ATLIS requires MCOs to submit Quantified Assessments of MCO and in-network provider participation in the Emergency Department Event Notification system and status of the Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture data exchange



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Program Timeline

On June 26, 2024: HHSC sent the UMCM chapter 6.2.17 for ATLIS Program to MCOs for formal review with July 11 response date

On July 3, 2024: HHSC sent to MCOs an extension to their comments by **July 15, 2024**

On July 12, 2024: HHSC holds webinar with MCOs to discuss The ATLIS Program and to present the new UMCM Chapter (6.2.17)

July 2024: CMS will begin to review the ATLIS program as part of contract and rate review process

On Sept. 1, 2024: Three Managed Care Contracts (UMCC, STAR+PLUS & STAR Kids) and UMCM will become effective



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Deliverables & Dates for Year 1

By Sept. 15, 2024: MCOs must submit to HHSC their **list** of in network hospitals, as applicable

By Oct. 15, 2024: HHSC will validate their **list** of in network hospitals to MCOs

By Jan. 15, 2025: MCOs must submit the first **Quantified Assessment** to HHSC

By July 15, 2025: MCOs must submit an updated **Quantified Assessment** to HHSC



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Data Reporting Tool*

- **Support tabs**

- ATLIS Program
- Definitions
- Instructions
- Milestones

- **Worksheets**

- MCO Data
- In Network Hospital Survey Tool
- Sample Size Calculation
- MCO Attestation



In Network Hospital Sampling and Validation, 1 of 2



Medicaid Program	Service Delivery Area	Hospital Class			
		Rural	Children's	Urban	State Owned Non-IMD
STAR	Bexar, Dallas, Jefferson, Nueces & Tarrant	✓	✓	✓	✓
STAR+PLUS	All	✓		✓	✓
STAR Kids	All		✓		

In Network Hospital Sampling and Validation, 2 of 2

- **MCO** – Select hospitals using the “In Network Hospital Survey Tool”
 - Hospitals selected for the survey should be:
 1. In class for the Program
 2. In-network for the MCO
 3. Physically located in an SDA for which the MCO is contracted with HHSC
 - Select Provider Name (Column C), Hospital Class (Column D), Hospital SDA (Column E), Medicaid Program (Columns G, I, and J)
- **HHSC** - Validate hospital network status/add encounter data
 - HHSC will add encounter information in Columns F, H, and K of the "In Network Hospital Survey Tool"
 - This information will help determine if MCOs meet threshold requirements to earn an ATLIS incentive award
 - The validated list will be used to complete the two rounds of Quantified Assessments reporting during the fiscal year

Quantified Assessment

- **Complete** “MCO Data” and “In Network Hospital Survey Tool”
- **MCO Data**
 - Select SDAs & Medicaid Programs
 - ADT notifications and connections to EDEN
 - Exchange of Clinical or C-CDA data
 - How MCO is using electronic health information
 - Barriers, actions, and priorities with electronic health information
- **In Network Hospital Survey Tool**
 - Section 1: Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) data (Q: 1 – 7)
 - Section 2: Clinical Data (Q: 8 – 17)
 - Section 3: Narrative Description on Uses of HIE (Q 18)
 - Number of questions with a valid answer

Deliverable Submission

- **Naming convention**

- "MCO Name – **Hospital Validation** - UMCM 6.2.17 ATLIS - MM.DD.YYYY"
- "MCO Name – **Quantified Assessment** – UMCM 6.2.17 ATLIS – MM.DD.YYYY"

- **Place**

- Submit deliverable in **MCOHub** in the "**DELIV**" folder
- Notify HHSC for each submission by email
 - MCCO - MCCO@hhs.texas.gov
 - Provider Finance - PF@hhs.texas.gov
 - Quality Data Analytics and Reports
HPCS_UMCC_Provisions@hhsc.state.tx.us



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Thank you!

Submit comments and questions to
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Hospital Selection Scenario 1

- **Q:** If a STAR Nueces member goes to an in-network hospital in Harris SDA, should the MCO include this hospital in its survey data for the ATLIS program?
- **R:** Generally, the most important consideration is if the hospital is in-network and physically located in the same SDA where the MCO is contracted for the relevant program. But, in this case, Harris SDA, where the hospital is located, is not included in STAR ATLIS, so the answer is no.
- **Q:** In this scenario, if the MCO is not a contracted MCO in Harris SDA, does that change the direction since there will not be ATLIS funding for the MCO for the hospitals class and region?
- **R:** Since the hospital is not located in a STAR ATLIS SDA, the answer is no. Also, the hospital is not physically located in the SDA where the MCO is contracted.



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Hospital Selection Scenario 2

- **Q:** If a STAR Hidalgo member goes to an in-network hospital in Nueces SDA, should the MCO include this hospital in its survey data for the ATLIS program?
- **R:** See Scenario 1 response. Is the MCO contracted with HHSC (in STAR) for the Nueces SDA or is this an out of region but in-network hospital? The location of the member (Hidalgo) does not matter, just whether the MCO contracts with HHSC for STAR in Nueces SDA and that the hospital is located in Nueces SDA.



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Hospital Selection Scenario 3

- **Q:** Assume that an MCO is contracted for STAR Kids in [MRSA] Central but is not contracted for STAR Kids in Travis. If MCO's STAR Kids member goes to an in-network Children's Hospital in Travis SDA, should the MCO include this hospital in its survey data for the ATLIS program?
- **R:** No. The hospital's physical location is not in the MCO's SDA (Central), so the MCO would not need to collect this data.



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