**What is Community First Choice?**

Senate Bill 7 from the 2013 Texas Legislature requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to put in place a cost-effective option for attendant and habilitation services for people with disabilities who have STAR + PLUS Medicaid coverage.

Beginning June 1, 2015, Community First Choice (CFC) will be an available program that provides the most cost-effective approach for basic attendant and habilitation service delivery to individuals living in the community who are enrolled in the Medicaid program and meet CFC eligibility requirements.

Services available in CFC are:

* Personal Assistance Services (PAS)
* Habilitation (HAB)
* Emergency Response System (ERS)
* Support Management

**Services and supports may include:**

* Assistance with activities of daily living (eating, toileting and grooming), activities related to living independently in the community, and health-related tasks (PAS)
* Acquisition, maintenance, and enhancement of skills necessary for the individuals to care for themselves and to live independently in the community (HAB)
* Providing a backup system or ways to ensure continuity of services and supports (ERS)
* Training people how to select, manage and dismiss their own attendants (Support Management)

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