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Rider for Transparency in Star+Plus Program Expenditures

**Overview**

The Star+Plus line item, B.1.1., in the Texas Health and Human Services Commission budget includes a broad number of programs, supports and services. As it is written, the line item does not give the legislature accountable and transparent information about the amount of funding each provider group is appropriated. This line item is a general number and does not delineate the programs funded under its appropriation. The following action adds a new rider that directs the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to report and identify specific program expenditures for Star+Plus to the legislature. The report shall include a current fiscal year budgetary expenditure and a projected expenditure for the next fiscal year.

**Rider**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission shall report, no later than September 1, 2015 and October 15, 2016, all specific and projected program expenditures for Star+Plus to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Legislative Budget Board members, Texas Health and Human Services Committee members, and the Texas Human Services Committee members. The expenditures will include a FY 2016 budgetary expenditures and estimated expenditures for each program in Star+Plus and projected expenditures for FY 2017.

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