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STATEMENT FROM DARIN GORDON, TENNCARE DIRECTOR, REGARDING FIFTH WAIVER EXTENSION FROM FEDS

"The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a fifth temporary extension for TennCare's waiver. The latest extension expires September 30, 2007. While everyone has continued to work together and is eager for this process to be completed, we agreed to another extension that will provide the federal government, particularly the Office of Management and Budget, additional time to consider the proposed financial terms and conditions so that Tennessee is not treated unfairly."

TennCare is Tennessee's expanded Medicaid program, providing health insurance coverage to 1.2 million Tennesseans, including 640,000 children. For more information about TennCare, visit www.tn.gov/tenncare/

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Editor note: Background information on the previous four waiver extensions from our news release archive can be found at the following web addresses:

August 31, 2007: Statement from Director Gordon regarding fourth federal extension
<http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/news-310807.html>

August 15, 2007: Statement from Director Gordon regarding third federal extension
<http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/news-140807.html>

June 29, 2007: News Release: Federal Government Delays TennCare Extension
<http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/news-290607.html>

June 13, 2007: News Release: TennCare Contract with Feds Still Unresolved
<http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/news-130707.html>

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