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Department of **DISABILITY & AGING**

To: DDA Credentialed Enabling Technology Providers

From: Jordan Allen, Deputy Commissioner of Program Operations, DDA

Date: March 10, 2025

Subject: Memo 2025-3, Ending of ARPA FMAP Funding for CHOICES Enabling Technology Service

On February 11, 2025, TennCare notified its contracted Managed Care Organizations that the temporary funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) incentives approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) would end effective March 31, 2025.

Enabling Technology providers must be aware of the following changes to the Tennessee Home and Community-Based Services waiver programs as detailed below.

CHOICES Group 2 and 3

- The Enabling Technology benefit of up to \$5000 per person per calendar year will end on March 31, 2025; however
- Gov. Lee's proposed FY25-26 budget continues this service and funding. If passed by the Tennessee General Assembly, this ET benefit will be available on July 1, 2025.
- Enabling Technology services will remain available as a Cost-Effective Alternative (CEA) at the discretion of the member's Managed Care Organization.

ECF CHOICES Program

- There are no changes. The combined benefit for Assistive Technology and Enabling Technology remains \$5000 per person per calendar year.

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- There are no changes. The combined benefit for Assistive Technology and Enabling Technology remains \$10,000 per person per two (2) waiver (PCSP) years.

Family Caregiver Supports (FCS)

- The Enabling Technology FCS temporary benefit increase of \$3000 will end on March 31, 2025. However, it should have no impact on Enabling Technology Provider services.

Thank you for your attention to this memo. We will notify providers of any updates to Enabling Technology Services and funding as the proposed budget moves through the legislative process.

If you have any questions, please contact Milton Neuenschwander, DDA State Director of Enabling Technology, at Milton.Neuenschwander@tn.gov.