

Notice of Change in Medicaid State Plan

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration is providing official notification, pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205, of intent to file an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. This amendment will be filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The subject of this amendment is a change to the TennCare benefits package. Effective January 1, 2021, the TennCare benefits package will include buprenorphine-enhanced supportive medication-assisted recovery and treatment, or “BE-SMART.” The BE-SMART benefit is a coordinated set of services consisting of psychosocial assessment and development of a treatment plan, individual and group counseling, peer recovery services, and care coordination in addition to opioid-agonist therapy. Opioid-agonist therapy used will be buprenorphine products that have been FDA-approved for opioid use disorder treatment. Each participant will have an individual treatment plan comprising those services designed to meet the participant’s identified needs.

BE-SMART services will be administered as part of the managed care program, and providers of BE-SMART services will be reimbursed by affected members’ managed care organizations.

The proposed effective date of the amendment is January 1, 2021. The amendment is expected to result in an increase of approximately \$8.3 million in annual aggregate expenditures under the TennCare program.

Copies of this notice will be available in each county office of the Tennessee Department of Health. Written comments concerning the amendment may be submitted by email to public.notice.tennicare@tn.gov or may be mailed to

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Persons wishing to review copies of written comments received may submit their requests to the same email and/or physical address.

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