

Notice of Change in Medicaid State Plan

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance & 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 purpose of this amendment is to update TennCare's reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs). In addition to being reimbursed by the managed care organizations participating in the TennCare program, these healthcare providers receive supplemental payments directly from TennCare through a prospective payment system (PPS). Each provider's PPS rate is established by the Comptroller of the Treasury based on cost information submitted by the provider. As an alternative to the standard PPS rate, FQHCs and RHCs continue to have the option to elect an alternative payment methodology as the basis for their supplemental payments. This State Plan Amendment is intended to provide greater specificity as to what constitutes reasonable costs and countable visits for purposes of calculating providers' supplemental payments, and thus to provide greater transparency, clarity, consistency, and uniformity to the prospective payment system in Tennessee. This State Plan Amendment provides uniform definitions of terms, clarifies documentation requirements for FQHCs and RHCs, and describes how TennCare will address changes in scope of service.

The details of the State's amendment are available for review at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/FQHCRHCSPA.pdf>.

The effective date of the amendment will be April 25, 2019. This amendment is anticipated to result in an increase of approximately \$1.4 million in annual aggregate expenditures.

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.tenncare@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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