

To: TennCare Contracted Primary Care Providers
From: Stephen Smith, Director of TennCare
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Subject: CMS Targeted Payments to PCPs

Dear TennCare Primary Care Providers,

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing quality health care to our TennCare members during the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize the challenges many primary care providers face due to the COVID-19 emergency, including the financial pressures for your practices because of reduced patient utilization. With Governor Lee's approval and direction, TennCare began working in June with CMS to secure targeted payments, and we are very pleased to report we have received approval from CMS for approximately \$12.4 million in state and federal funding to be distributed to TennCare primary care providers.

The approved \$12.4 million in state and federal funding represents a portion of the total PCP claims paid to TennCare's managed care organizations (MCOs) during a set period prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each TennCare MCO will review the PCP payments made through June 2020 to its PCPs for services performed during January 2020 and February 2020, and those PCPs will receive payment equal to 28.51% of the claims paid for services performed during January 2020 and February 2020.

Each MCO will be posting communication to its Provider Website concerning:

- How to know if I am eligible for COVID-19 Primary Care Provider (PCP) targeted payments?
- How to know if I am included in the MCO's PCP network?
- If I am eligible, do I have to do anything to obtain these funds?
- What mechanism will be used to issue the COVID-19 PCP targeted payments?
- What is the timeline for issuing the COVID-19 PCP targeted payments?

If you are a contracted primary care provider with one of TennCare's MCO's, determined eligible to receive these targeted payments, then you do not need to do anything additional at this time. Each MCO will provide payment directly to each of its network primary care providers as determined by the MCO. The leadership at Amerigroup, BlueCare, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan are committed to partnering in this effort, and we will work as quickly as possible with our MCOs to provide these funds to eligible providers.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and thank you for the continuity of care you are offering to our members. For more information on TennCare's response during this COVID-19 pandemic, please visit: <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/information-statistics/tenncare-information-about-coronavirus.html>