Bureau of TennCare
Policy Manual

Policy No: BTC-Pol-ENC-200610-001
Subject: Required Encounter Information Submitted to TennCare
Approval: Encounter Data Policy Workgroup Date: 4/10/2009

PURPOSE OF POLICY STATEMENT: To clarify TennCare’s position regarding the required data for submission on encounter claims.

POLICY:
TennCare requires all claim encounters received to contain reasonable data elements as defined in the X12 or NCPDP Implementation Guide and by appropriate National Standards Committees; i.e., NUBC, NUCC, ADA, and NCPDP. TennCare provides Companion Guides to assist with the interpretation of these requirements plus the addition of the TennCare unique required data.

If required data is not received the claims will be returned to the MCC which will result in a contract violation. TennCare requires the MCC to either go back to the provider for the information or get the data from the MCC database files as appropriate.

PROCEDURES:
Edits exist within the TennCare system to ensure encounters are in compliance (included but not limited to Edifecs, Sybase, and interChange) with TennCare standards.

DEFINITIONS:
NUBC – National Uniform Billing Committee
NUCC – National Uniform Claim Committee
ADA – American Dental Association
NCPDP – National Council for Prescription Drug Programs

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:
OFFICES OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

- TennCare IS Division—to ensure that encounters are submitted to TennCare in the approved format
- Information Systems Management Contractor – to process encounters through the TCMIS
- MCCs - to follow transaction requirements