

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE TENNESSEE

STANDARDS ESTABLISHED AND METHODS USED TO ASSURE
HIGH QUALITY CARE

1. Standards adopted by the State agency will be equal to those required of institutions and providers of medical care under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.
2. During visits of medical review teams, quality of care is evaluated.
3. The State agency seeks to secure high quality of care through adequate reimbursement to attract an adequate number of qualified providers.
4. Through a computerized surveillance and utilization system, which supplies data in such form, the agency can reasonably determine that high quality care is provided in sufficient quantity.
5. The Medical Advisory Committee and various professional organizations assist in determining appropriate levels of care and maintain liaison with providers of care.
6. Activities of Crippled Childrens Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Mental Health, Welfare and other departments are coordinated to furnish effective services to recipients.
7. Providers of care who persist in deviating from established standards are subject to suspension from participation in the Title XIX program after review, evaluation and determination of such acts.

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8. Tennessee Medicaid assures that the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEPs) approved by the State on or before October 1, 1990, met and continue to meet Federal requirements as set out in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Acts (OBRA's) of 1987 and 1989.

The Tennessee Bureau of Manpower and Facilities has been delegated the function of approving NATCEPs. Their responsibilities are as follows:

- a. The Bureau of Manpower and Facilities will specify and approve within the context of the federal regulations all nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs whether facility based or not.
- b. The Bureau of Manpower and Facilities will be responsible for the competency evaluation program or will delegate same as it deems appropriate to another entity except the nursing facility itself and will maintain responsibility for assuring that individuals meet the competency evaluation requirements.
- c. The Bureau of Manpower and Facilities will provide to Medicaid those costs incurred as a result of the administration and implementation of NATCEP. Reimbursement by Medicaid to the Bureau of Manpower and Facilities for these activities is limited to actual costs, as required by Circular A-87.

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