

Published on June 29, 2018

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 subject of the amendment is the redistribution of Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments when it is determined that DSH payments made to any hospital by the Division of TennCare for any State Fiscal Year exceed the hospital's DSH limit for that State Fiscal Year.

Each hospital receiving DSH payments from TennCare has a hospital-specific DSH limit for each State Fiscal Year in which payments are made. The hospital-specific DSH limits are determined in accordance with Section 1923(g) of the Social Security Act. If DSH payments are made to a hospital and these payments are later determined through an audit to be in excess of the hospital's DSH limit, the excess funds may be recovered from the hospital and redistributed to other qualifying hospitals that have not reached their DSH limits.

Under TennCare's current policy, excess DSH funds that have been recovered from a hospital may be redistributed to other hospitals within the same DSH funding group (i.e., Essential Service Safety Net Hospitals, Children's Safety Net Hospitals, Free Standing Psychiatric Hospitals, Other Essential Acute Care Hospitals, and All Other DSH Hospitals). This State Plan Amendment will allow the recovered funds to be redistributed to any DSH-eligible hospital.

The data and method used to redistribute DSH funding will be consistent with the original determination of DSH payments for that fiscal year. The redistribution of funds related to a prior year's DSH allotment will not count against the State's current year DSH funding allotment.

The proposed effective date of the amendment is July 1, 2018. This amendment is anticipated to result in an increase of approximately \$1.1 million in annual aggregate expenditures.

Copies of this notice will be available in each county office of the Tennessee Department of Health. A draft version of the amendment to Tennessee's Medicaid State Plan is available at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/DSHSPADraft.pdf>. Written comments concerning the amendment may be submitted by email to public.notice.tenncare@tn.gov or may be mailed to

Dr. Wendy Long, Director
Division of TennCare
310 Great Circle Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

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

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-259-0701 (TTY: 1-800-848-0298).

Published on June 29, 2018

We do not treat people in a different way because of their race, color, birth place, language, age, disability, religion, or sex. <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/members-applicants/civil-rights-compliance.html>