

Notice of Change in Medicaid State Plan

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The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and 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 this amendment is TennCare payments to teaching hospitals to support graduate medical education (GME) in Tennessee. Hospitals eligible for these GME payments are Tennessee-based teaching hospitals that are affiliated with at least one of four accredited Tennessee medical school GME programs and have residents from that program performing services on the campus of the teaching hospital. The following four accredited Tennessee medical schools have eligible GME programs a hospital may participate in: East Tennessee State University College of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

TennCare will make GME payments to qualifying hospitals from a pool totaling \$48,000,000 annually. This pool will be divided into two equal sub-pools (\$24,000,000 each).

Sub-pool A. Payments to hospitals from Sub-pool A will be based on TennCare utilization. Each qualifying hospital will receive a payment from Sub-pool A based on the hospital's proportionate share of TennCare Adjusted Days relative to all other qualifying hospitals. The payments to all qualifying hospitals from Sub-pool A will total \$24,000,000 annually.

Sub-pool B. Payments to hospitals from Sub-pool B will be based on residents. Each qualifying hospital will receive a payment from Sub-pool B based on the hospital's proportionate share of residents relative to all other qualifying hospitals, with added weight given to primary care residents. The payments to all qualifying hospitals from Sub-pool B will total \$24,000,000 annually.

These calculations are described in more detail in the draft SPA available on the TennCare website at

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/DraftVersionStatePlanAmendmentGraduateMedicalEducation.pdf>.



The proposed effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2022. TennCare payments to teaching hospitals will total \$48,000,000 annually (from two equal \$24,000,000 sub-pools).

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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