

November 12, 2020

You are receiving this letter because you receive services in Employment and Community First CHOICES, a 1915(c) home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver operated by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD), or an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

This letter is about the IDD Integration Plan. It is a Plan to bring all of the programs and services for people with I/DD together under DIDD's leadership.

We have held several overview sessions and heard from many people and families about the Plan. We've used all of the feedback we've gotten to help us build out the Plan.

The next step in this process is to get any **new feedback** on the parts of the Plan that will be part of the big waiver for the TennCare program. The big waiver for the TennCare program ends on June 30, 2021. To keep the TennCare program, we have to submit our request to renew that waiver by December 31, 2020. **Some** of the changes that are part of the IDD Integration Plan are part of the big TennCare waiver renewal.

These include:

- Bringing all services for people with I/DD into the managed care program under DIDD's leadership:
 - Home and community-based services (HCBS) provided through the 1915(c) waivers operated by DIDD;
 - HCBS provided through Employment and Community First CHOICES; and
 - ICF/IID services (Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities).
 - A few changes to help us make sure we are using ICF/IID services in the best way. These include things like:
 - Reviewing all *new* requests to go into an ICF/IID to make sure people receive services in the most integrated place that's right for them
 - In the future, looking at everyone who already lives in an ICF/IID to see who can live in the community. We want to make sure that everyone understands their options so can make an informed choice about living in the community. We will work with those *who choose* to live in the community to make this transition.
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- Letting people in a 1915(c) waiver that go to work stay on TennCare by not counting parts of their earned income. This lets them keep their TennCare **and** HCBS.
- Making sure that people in Employment and Community First CHOICES can get enabling technology, if they want to use it. These are things that can help you have more control and independence. It can help you at home, at work, or in the community. You and your team can decide if and how you want to use enabling technology.
- Making sure that people in SelectCommunity can stay there. SelectCommunity is a special health plan that serves some of the people in the 1915(c) waivers. New enrollment into SelectCommunity will stop for people in the 1915(c) waivers. But people already in SelectCommunity can stay there.

We're asking for your comments on **these changes**.

Other parts of the IDD Integration Plan will be part of the 1915(c) waivers. You'll get a chance to give more feedback on those parts when we post those waiver amendments—we hope by the end of 2020.

You can read the entire TennCare waiver renewal application here:

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

As part of the TennCare waiver renewal process, we have made this document available for a 30-day public comment period. This allows people on the program, families and stakeholders to review the proposal and give more feedback before we send it to CMS.

Parts of the IDD Integration Plan in the big TennCare waiver start on page 11-12.

You can submit your comments on these parts of the IDD Integration Plan by emailing public.notice.tenncare@tn.gov or postal mail by sending comments to:

Stephen Smith, Director
Division of TennCare
310 Great Circle Road
Nashville, TN 37243.

You can also join one of the virtual public comment hearings. These public comment hearings will be held using Webex. The dates and details are listed below.

- Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time / 10:00 a.m. Central Time. This hearing may be accessed at this URL:
<https://tngov.webex.com/tngov/onstage/g.php?MTID=e684e451e1e0ed3d9288702276f7f9647>
- Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time / 3:00 p.m. Central Time. This hearing may be accessed at this URL:
<https://tngov.webex.com/tngov/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb2d031fdcb02a6af816dd6a1e3cae764>

The public comment period will end on December 11, 2020. We need time to review comments before we send in the waiver renewal by the end of the year.

REMEMBER: You'll have a chance to provide feedback on the 1915(c) waiver changes later. Those changes are not part of the TennCare waiver renewal. They will be in the amendments to the 1915(c) waivers that we'll share later.
