



Division of TennCare

TennCare II Demonstration

Project No. 11-W-00151/4

Amendment 39

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Amendment 39 to the TennCare II Demonstration

I. Description of the Amendment

TennCare is a comprehensive managed care program that provides the full range of Medicaid benefits to approximately 1.3 million Medicaid and demonstration eligibles in Tennessee. The TennCare program is funded in part by state revenue generated from a non-recurring hospital assessment. This assessment is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019. This demonstration amendment—Amendment 39—outlines specific benefit changes that would be required effective July 1, 2019, in the absence of this funding. TennCare has proposed similar demonstration amendments eight times since 2010. Because the state’s hospital assessment was renewed in each of these prior years, the need to implement these changes was postponed.

The proposed changes involve adjustments to the TennCare benefit package for adults. There are no proposed changes to the benefit package for children. As noted below, some of the changes will not apply to institutionalized adults or to pregnant women receiving pregnancy-related services. “Institutionalized adults” are defined as persons receiving TennCare-reimbursed services in nursing facilities or intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, as well as certain persons who are receiving services in home and community based services waivers, the CHOICES program, or the Employment and Community First CHOICES program.

The changes being requested fall into two categories: (1) benefits that will be eliminated for all TennCare adults, and (2) benefit limits that will be implemented for non-institutionalized adults, with provisions being made for pregnant women to receive pregnancy-related services in excess of these benefit limits.

1. **Benefits to be eliminated for all adults.** Amendment 39 proposes to eliminate coverage of three types of therapy for adults:
 - **Physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.** These services have been non-covered in the Tennessee Medicaid State Plan for many years; they are offered to adults as demonstration benefits only. They will continue to be offered under certain HCBS waivers for persons with intellectual disabilities.
2. **Benefit limits to be implemented for non-institutionalized adults.** In addition, the state requests to implement the benefit limits outlined below. Pregnant women will be able to receive pregnancy-related services in excess of these limits. The new limits apply to the following services as indicated below:
 - Inpatient hospital and psychiatric hospital services, with a combined annual limit of eight (8) days per enrollee per year. Services in an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) for persons age 65 and older are not included in this limit.
 - Lab and X-ray services, with an annual limit of eight (8) occasions per person (an “occasion” is a day).
 - Non-emergency outpatient hospital services, with an annual limit of eight (8) occasions per person (an “occasion” is a day).

- Health practitioners' office visits, with a combined annual limit of eight (8) occasions per person (an "occasion" is a day).

Proposed Waiver and Expenditure Authorities

All waiver and expenditure authorities currently approved for the TennCare demonstration will continue to be in effect. The state is not requesting any new waiver or expenditure authorities to effectuate these changes.

Other Beneficiary Impacts

Amendment 39 will not result in any increase or decrease in enrollment in the TennCare demonstration. Eligibility for TennCare and cost sharing are unaffected by Amendment 39.

II. Expected Impact on Budget Neutrality

Implementation of Amendment 39 is projected to result in a decrease in aggregate annual expenditures of \$373,171,295 in Demonstration Year 18 (State Fiscal Year 2020). A spreadsheet illustrating the anticipated impact of Amendment 39 on expenditures under the TennCare demonstration is appended to this amendment request.

III. Expected Impact on CHIP Allotment Neutrality

Amendment 39 will not result in any changes to Tennessee's CHIP allotment neutrality.

IV. Modifications to the Evaluation Design

The state does not intend to modify its evaluation design based on this amendment.

V. Demonstration of Public Notice and Input

The state has used multiple mechanisms for notifying the public about Amendment 39 and for soliciting public input on the amendment. These public notice and input procedures are informed by—and comply with—the requirements specified at 42 CFR § 431.408.

Public Notice

The state's public notice and comment period began on March 12, 2019, and lasted through April 12, 2019. During this time, a comprehensive description of the amendment to be submitted to CMS was made available for public review and comment on an amendment-specific webpage on the TennCare website. An abbreviated public notice—which included a summary description of Amendment 39; the locations, dates, and times of two public hearings; and a link to the full public notice on the state's amendment-specific webpage—was published in the newspapers of widest circulation in Tennessee cities with a population of 50,000 or more. TennCare disseminated information about the proposed

amendment, including a link to the relevant webpage, via its social media accounts (e.g., Facebook, Twitter). TennCare also notified the members of the Tennessee General Assembly of Amendment 39 via an electronically transmitted letter.

The state held two public hearings to seek comments on Amendment 39. The first hearing took place on March 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the TennCare Building, 310 Great Circle Road in Nashville. The second public hearing took place on March 27, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bordeaux branch of the Nashville Public Library, 4000 Clarksville Pike in Nashville. Telephonic access to the March 26 hearing (in the TennCare Building) was offered to individuals who were unable to attend in person and who notified the state of their desire to participate by telephone. Members of the public also had the option to submit comments throughout the notice period by mail and/or email. Documentation of the state's public notice process is included as Appendix A.

Tennessee has no federally recognized Indian tribes, Indian health programs, or urban Indian health organizations with which to consult or from which to seek advice.

Public Comments

The state received one comment in response to its public notice for Amendment 39. This commenter opposed the benefit reductions proposed in Amendment 39 and expressed concern that the reduced benefits package would not adequately meet the needs of some enrollees. The commenter also expressed concern about the potential impact of the proposed benefit reductions on child health.

The state appreciates the commenter for her input. TennCare is a publically funded program. If funding for the TennCare program is reduced, then the state must make certain changes to the TennCare program in order to be able to continue operating the program within available resources. As noted in the state's public notice, if the General Assembly renews the state's hospital assessment (as it has each year since 2010), the reductions contemplated in Amendment 39 will not be implemented. In response to the commenter's specific concerns about child health, the state notes that the benefit reductions proposed in Amendment 39 apply only to adults; Amendment 39 does not propose any changes to the benefits package for children.

The comment received by the state on this proposal is attached as Appendix B.

Appendix A

Documentation of Public Notice

Notice of Change in TennCare II Demonstration: Amendment 39

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration is providing official notification of intent to file an amendment to the TennCare II Demonstration. This amendment, which will be known as “Amendment 39,” is being filed with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2019.

Description of Amendment and Affected Populations

The TennCare program is supported in part by State funds generated from a non-recurring hospital assessment. This assessment is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019. Amendment 39 outlines specific benefit changes that will be required effective July 1, 2019, in the absence of this funding. TennCare has proposed similar demonstration amendments eight times since 2010. Because the State’s hospital assessment was renewed in each of these prior years, the need to implement these changes was postponed. Should the assessment be renewed for State Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the changes contained in Amendment 39 will not be implemented.

Proposed changes. Amendment 39 will eliminate certain currently covered services and establish benefit limits on others. Children under 21 will not be affected by these changes. Eligibility for TennCare will not be affected by these changes. Pregnant women and institutionalized persons will not be affected by proposed benefit limits; however, they will be affected by the elimination of coverage for occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy.

The specific changes to be made are as follows:

- Implementation of a combined annual limit of 8 days per person for inpatient hospital and inpatient psychiatric hospital services
- Implementation of an annual limit on non-emergency outpatient hospital occasions of 8 per person (an “occasion” is a day)
- Implementation of a combined annual limit on health care practitioners’ office visits of 8 occasions per person (an “occasion” is a day)
- Implementation of an annual limit on lab and X-ray services of 8 occasions per person (an “occasion” is a day)
- Elimination of coverage for occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy

Expected Impact on Enrollment and Expenditures

Amendment 39 will not result in any increase or decrease in enrollment in the TennCare Demonstration.

Implementation of Amendment 39 would result in a decrease in aggregate annual expenditures of \$373,171,295 in State Fiscal Year 2020.

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Hypothesis and Evaluation Parameters

The State does not anticipate modifying the demonstration evaluation design based on these changes.

Waiver and Expenditure Authorities Requested

The State is not requesting any new waiver or expenditure authorities to effectuate these changes.

Public Notice Process

TennCare has taken a variety of steps to ensure that members of the public are aware of Amendment 39. These measures include the development and maintenance of this webpage, as well as notices to be published in the newspapers of widest circulation in Tennessee cities with 50,000 or more residents. TennCare has also addressed Amendment 39 in communications with stakeholders, including the Tennessee General Assembly. TennCare notified its Facebook friends and Twitter followers of Amendment 39 on March 12, 2019.

Public Input Process

TennCare is seeking feedback on Amendment 39 prior to its submission to CMS. Members of the public are invited to offer comments regarding Amendment 39 from March 12, 2019, through April 12, 2019.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the proposed demonstration amendment may do so through either of the following options:

- Comments may be mailed to Mr. Gabe Roberts, Director, Division of TennCare, 310 Great Circle Road, Nashville, TN 37243.
- Comments may be sent by email to public.notice.tennCare@tn.gov.

Individuals who wish to share their thoughts in person may attend either of the following events:

- A public hearing on March 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. CT in Conference Room 1 East A of the TennCare Building, 310 Great Circle Road in Nashville.
- A public hearing on March 27, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. CT at the Bordeaux branch of the Nashville Public Library, 4000 Clarksville Pike in Nashville.

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Telephonic access to the March 26 hearing (in the TennCare Building) is available for those unable to attend in person. Individuals interested in this option must register by contacting Jonathan Reeve prior to the date of the hearing at (615) 507-6449 or by email at Jonathan.Reeve@tn.gov. Individuals with disabilities or individuals with limited English proficiency who wish to participate in one or both hearings and who may require language or communication assistance to do so should contact Talley Olson of TennCare's Office of Civil Rights Compliance by phone at (855) 857-1673 or by email at HCFA.fairtreatment@tn.gov prior to the date of the hearing.

TennCare always appreciates input. In order to be considered for the final draft of Amendment 39, feedback must be received no later than Friday, April 12, 2019. Individuals wishing to view comments submitted by members of the public may submit their requests to the same physical address and/or email address at which comments are being accepted.

Draft of Amendment 39

A draft of TennCare's proposed demonstration amendment is located at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/Amendment39.pdf>. Copies of the draft amendment are also available in each county office of the Tennessee Department of Health. Once comments received during the public input period have been reviewed and considered, a final draft of the amendment will be prepared. The final draft will be submitted to CMS and will then be made available through the webpage located at <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/policy-guidelines/waiver-and-state-plan-public-notices.html>.

TennCare Page on CMS Web Site

As the federal agency with oversight authority over all Medicaid programs, CMS offers its own online resources regarding the TennCare demonstration. Interested parties may view these materials at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/waivers_faceted.html.



March 20, 2019

The Honorable Randy McNally
Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Senate
Suite 700 Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

The Honorable Glen Casada
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Suite 600 Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Speaker McNally and Speaker Casada:

This letter is written to inform you that the Division of TennCare will be submitting to CMS Amendment 39 to the TennCare Demonstration.

You may recall that, in 2010, TennCare submitted Amendment 9, which contained a list of proposed program reductions for 2010-2011. These program reductions were ultimately made unnecessary by the passage of a one-year hospital assessment fee by the General Assembly that year. Similar demonstration amendments have been submitted to CMS in subsequent years in case the hospital assessment was not renewed. As in 2010, these program reductions were ultimately rendered unnecessary by the renewal of the hospital assessment in each of those years.

Amendment 39 is a follow-up to these earlier demonstration amendments. Amendment 39 lists program reductions that would be required should the hospital assessment not be renewed for the 2019-2020 State Fiscal Year. If the hospital assessment is renewed again, these reductions will not be implemented.

These reductions would not be applicable to children under age 21. Eligibility for TennCare would not be affected by these changes. In addition, the benefit limits would not be applicable to institutionalized adults or pregnant women. The elimination of occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy would be applicable to all adults.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Implementation of a combined annual limit of 8 days per adult for inpatient hospital and inpatient psychiatric hospital services
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- Elimination of coverage for occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy for adults

We are proposing an effective date of July 1, 2019, for Amendment 39.

Implementation of the amendment would result in a decrease in aggregate annual expenditures of \$373,171,295 in State Fiscal Year 2020.

Copies of this letter are being sent electronically to all members of the General Assembly, in accordance with T.C.A. § 71-5-104(b). In addition, a summary of Amendment 39 (including a draft version of the amendment itself) is available on the TennCare website located at <http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/>.

Please let us know if you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John G. Roberts
Director, Division of TennCare

cc: The Honorable Members of the General Assembly



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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TENNCARE II DEMONSTRATION AMENDMENT 39

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration is providing official notification, pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205 and 59 Fed. Reg. 49249, of intent to file an amendment to the TennCare II Demonstration. The amendment will be filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a federal agency located in Baltimore, Maryland, with a Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia.

The State is required to meet certain advance notice obligations whenever an amendment to the TennCare Demonstration is filed. This demonstration amendment, which will be known as "Amendment 39" is being filed with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2019. The benefits listed in this notice are currently supported with non-recurring funds that have been made available through a hospital assessment fee scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019. Should the fee be renewed, the changes contained in Amendment 39 will not occur.

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It is the State's intention to submit this amendment to CMS with the request that it be approved in time for implementation to occur on July 1, 2019. Corresponding State Plan Amendments will be filed, where appropriate. We estimate that implementation of the amendment and corresponding State Plan changes will result in a decrease in aggregate annual expenditures of \$373,171,295 in State Fiscal Year 2020.

The full public notice associated with this amendment, including a comprehensive description of the amendment, is available on the TennCare website at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tennicare/documents/Amendment39ComprehensiveNotice.pdf>.

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 431, Subpart G, the State is providing the following opportunities to the public to comment on the proposed amendment in person:

- A public hearing on March 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. CT in Conference Room 1 East A of the TennCare Building, 310 Great Circle Road in Nashville.
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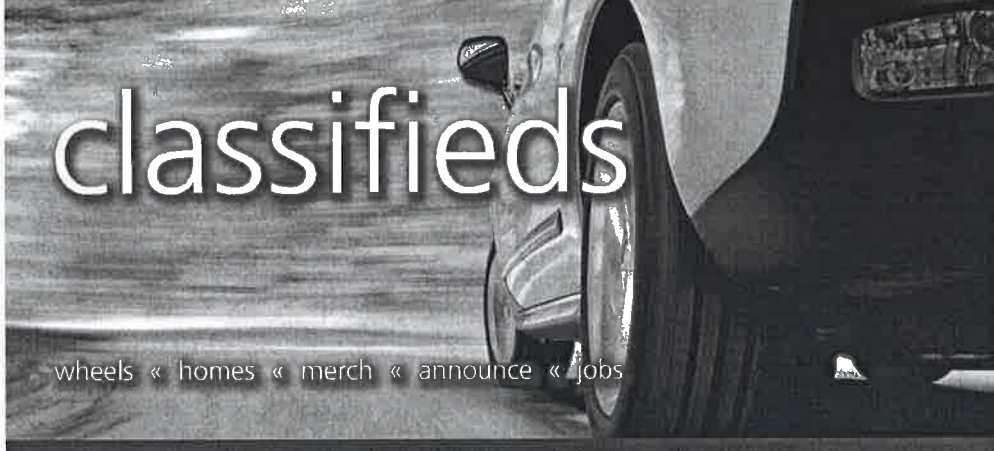
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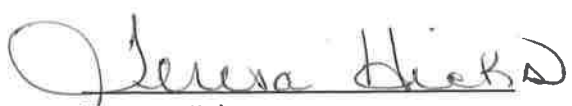
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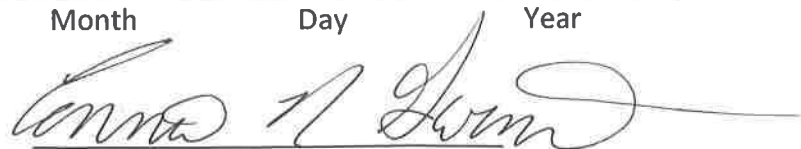
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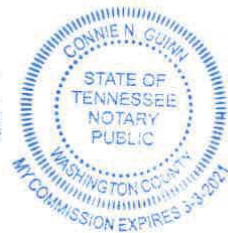
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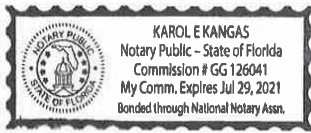
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Appendix B

Public Comments Received

From: Sherry [REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 1:43 PM
To: Public Notice. TennCare
Subject: TennCare

Dear Sir/Madam:

As I have seen a news article about the President want to make people work to get Medicaid I started looking into the requirements of getting TennCare. I have TennCare and have had it for many years. But while looking at the requirements I seen that an amendment is or could get changed. So from my understanding a person or child would only be able to go to the dr 8 times year so what if the child or person gets a condition that they need more appointments. Also saw where all the Therapies are going to be cut many parents rely on this and many adults who may have been injured and need these will be effected. I also saw which worries me is 8 days in mental faculty. Really what if someone needs longer treatment. Mental health is not an issue where it can be fixed easily because meds adjustments may need to be made and it takes sometimes up to two weeks to see if a medication is going to work or not. Also what about children or adults who need to go to a treatment center to help them to get back on track first time people and children getting diagnosed with a mental illness need more time so that the proper medication and services are set up and are working. I have a son and Thank God that he hasn't had to be hospitalized in over a year and before that it had been over two years before he had to stay in a mental health treatment hospital for about two weeks. The last time last year he was in the hospital he was in the actual hospital for a week because he overdosed on his prescribed meds and then they had to make sure he had no major issues from this then he was in the actual mental facility for only a week so they could get him back on track with his med schedule and make sure he had the proper treatment when he got out. We have been very lucky that none of meds have given him any major side effects or have stopped helping him because god knows when the time comes he will have to be hospitalized so what happens then.

So if this is proposed changes that Tennessee is wanting to make cutting out dr visits and other services then see a rise in abuse related cases in small children as many parents have their children in daycare in state certificate participate ones so these children will get sick and they use ups their allotted 8 times the first few months of the year their kid is sick they don't have money to pay for dr appointment their kid goes to day care sick daycare calls they can't take them back with out an excuse or not having a fever diarrhea or throwing up as stated by the state of TN so that parent has to stay out work lose their job and risk their child dying because of an allotment of 8 times visiting the dr or the emergency room. So when you consider the changes think about the over all effect it will have and not how much money will be saved.
Sent from my iPhone