

# 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 a clarification to the TennCare benefits package. Division CC, Title II, Section 210 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) created a new federal requirement for state Medicaid programs to cover routine patient costs associated with member participation in qualifying clinical trials, to the extent that such costs would otherwise be covered under the Medicaid State Plan (or waiver) outside of participation in the clinical trial. This new requirement goes into effect on January 1, 2022.

In general, TennCare already covers routine patient costs associated with member participation in clinical trials. In accordance with CMS guidance, TennCare is submitting a State Plan Amendment to CMS to formally document its coverage of these services in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. These services are part of TennCare's managed care program, and providers of these services are reimbursed by the affected member's managed care organization (MCO).

The proposed effective date of the amendment is January 1, 2022. Because TennCare already covers these costs, the amendment is not expected to have an impact on TennCare expenditures.

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](mailto:public.notice.tennCare@tn.gov) or may be mailed to

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