

Notice of Change in TennCare II Demonstration

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration is providing official notification of intent to request a change in the TennCare II Demonstration. This request 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. This change will become effective upon approval by CMS.

Attachment C of the TennCare Demonstration specifies limitations for private duty nursing services. The requested change would modify these limitations by making private duty nursing services available to adults aged 21 and older who are ventilator-dependent with a progressive neuromuscular disorder or spinal cord injury, and who are ventilated using noninvasive positive pressure ventilation by mask or mouthpiece for at least 12 hours each day in order to avoid or delay tracheostomy. We estimate that implementation of the proposal and corresponding State Plan changes will result in a decrease in aggregate annual expenditures of \$592,000.

Copies of this notice will be available in each county office of the Tennessee Department of Health and on the TennCare website located at <http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/>. Written comments may be submitted by email to public.notice.tenncare@tn.gov or may be mailed to Dr. Wendy Long, Director, Bureau 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. The last day on which comments will be accepted is Thursday, July 13, 2017.

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