

Notice of Change in Medicaid State Plan

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).

TennCare covers FDA-approved vaccinations for COVID-19 when delivered to TennCare members by TennCare-registered healthcare providers. In general, providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations to TennCare members will be reimbursed by the member's managed care organization (MCO) for vaccine administration services. In the case of TennCare provider types who are outside the scope of the MCO program, TennCare will reimburse COVID vaccine administration at 100 percent of Medicare payment rates. Specifically, this reimbursement methodology will apply to pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, state-authorized pharmacy interns, and/or pharmacies who are not contracted with TennCare MCOs, but who may administer COVID-19 vaccinations under the authority of the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act.

Currently, Medicare payment rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration are \$28.39 to administer single-dose vaccines. For a COVID-19 vaccine requiring a series of two or more doses, the initial dose(s) administration payment rate will be \$16.94, and \$28.39 for the administration of the final dose in the series. These rates will also be adjusted geographically.

The proposed effective date of the amendment is February 5, 2021. This amendment is expected to result in an increase of \$4.3 million in aggregate expenditures under the TennCare program over the next two years.

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.

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-259-0701 (TTY: 1-800-848-0298).

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