

Notice of Change in 1915(c) HCBS Waivers – Posted July 29, 2022

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration is providing official notice of intent to renew the Section 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Self-Determination (SD) Waiver and amend the Section 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Comprehensive Aggregate Cap (CAC) and Statewide (SW) Waivers:

Waiver TN.0128.R06.00

Statewide Home and Community Based Services (or "Statewide") waiver

Waiver TN.0357.R04.00

Comprehensive Aggregate Cap Home and Community Based Services (or "CAC") Waiver

TN.0427.R03.02

Tennessee Self-Determination Waiver Program

These waivers are operated by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) under an Interagency Agreement with TennCare, the State Medicaid Agency.

The requested effective date of these changes is January 1, 2023.

The primary purpose of these waiver submissions is to submit the SD Waiver Application for a renewal period of five years and to resubmit the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Integration changes that were submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in September 2021 to transition 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) provided under all three waivers into managed care. The individuals served in these waivers are already part of managed care for their physical and behavioral health services. These changes simply integrate 1915(c) HCBS waiver benefits for individuals with I/DD, with their current managed care health plan also becoming responsible for the delivery of 1915(c) HCBS waiver services. Most of the changes in the SD renewal are also in the amendments for the CAC and SW Waivers.

To ease your review, proposed changes are tracked in a Summary Document: *Proposed Renewal and Amendments to Tennessee's Section 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waivers: Opportunity for Public Comment*

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/ProposedAmendmentsToTennesseesSection1915c.pdf>^[E11]

A comment form you can use to submit comments online is available here:

https://stateofennessee.formstack.com/forms/1915c_waiver_amendment_public_comments^[E12]

We strongly encourage you to use the online form to submit your comment. This helps us organize the comments for review.

However, if you prefer, you may mail written comments to:

ATTN: Comments on 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Renewal/Amendments
TennCare, Long-Term Services and Supports Division
310 Great Circle Rd.
Nashville, TN 37243

The I/DD integration amendments were previously posted for public comment on February 19, 2021. If you previously submitted comments related to these changes in 2021, it is not necessary to resubmit those comments again. While we always welcome broad feedback on our waiver programs, we ask that you please only submit comments on the changes in the Summary Document mentioned above.

The comment period begins July 29, 2022 and ends at close of business (4:30 p.m. Central) on August 29, 2022.

Individuals with disabilities or individuals with limited English proficiency who wish to provide comments 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.

TennCare always appreciates input. In order to be considered for the final draft of these renewal/amendments, feedback must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. central on Monday, August 29, 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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