

## Notice of Request to Extend the TennCare II Demonstration

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration is providing official notification, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1315(d) and 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart G, concerning his intent to file an application to extend the TennCare Demonstration with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

TennCare is an expansion of the State of Tennessee's Medicaid program, a demonstration program that has operated under a waiver from CMS since 1994, and that will expire on June 30, 2013. The principle being "demonstrated" by TennCare is that a state can organize its Medicaid program under a managed care model and generate sufficient savings to extend coverage to additional populations who would not otherwise be eligible for Medicaid, without compromising quality of care. A comprehensive description of the TennCare Demonstration is contained in the TennCare Operational Protocol, which is available on the TennCare website at <http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/forms/operationalprotocol.pdf>.

In order for the TennCare Demonstration to continue past the expiration date, the State must request an extension no later than June 30, 2012. The duration of the extension being requested is July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016. The extension request will update obsolete sections of the waiver but will make no significant changes other than the addition of a Transition Plan effectuating certain eligibility changes required by the Affordable Care Act. The Transition Plan is for persons currently enrolled in TennCare who are not eligible for Medicaid. Some of these individuals will become eligible for Medicaid as of January 1, 2014, and must be moved to Medicaid at that time.

The full public notice associated with this extension request, including a comprehensive description of the requested extension, is available on the TennCare website at <http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/extension.html>.

As required by 42 CFR § 431, Subpart G, the Bureau is providing the following opportunities to the public to comment on the extension request in person:

- A public hearing on May 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. CT in the meeting room of the Bordeaux Branch of the Nashville Public Library, 4000 Clarksville Pike in Nashville.
- A public hearing on May 22, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. CT in the Ed Jones Auditorium at the Ellington Agricultural Center, 440 Hogan Road in Nashville.

Telephonic access to the May 22 public hearing is available for individuals unable to attend in person. To register to participate in this hearing by telephone, contact Aaron Butler at (615) 507-6448, [aaron.c.butler@tn.gov](mailto:aaron.c.butler@tn.gov).

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in a hearing and who may require aid to facilitate such participation should contact Helen Moore at (615) 507-6474, or [helen.moore@tn.gov](mailto:helen.moore@tn.gov) at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the extension request without attending one of the public hearings may do so through either of the following options:

- Written comments about the extension request may be sent to Mr. Darin Gordon, Director, Bureau of TennCare, electronically at [tenncare.waiver@tn.gov](mailto:tenncare.waiver@tn.gov), or by mail at 310 Great Circle Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.
- Comments about the extension request may be made via telephone by calling (615) 507-6902 and leaving a voicemail message.

Copies of this notice will be available in each county office of the Tennessee Department of Human Services.