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RE: TennCare III Demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00369/4), Amendment 3

Dear Ms. Cash,

The purpose of this letter is to request a change to the TennCare demonstration. We appreciate CMS' partnership in approving an emergency amendment to the TennCare demonstration on April 26, 2022, to enhance the array of HCBS supports available under the demonstration. These enhancements have been instrumental to Tennessee's ability to support individuals with disabilities and their families during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). We have determined to continue providing these enhanced HCBS supports beyond the expiration of the currently approved emergency authority. Therefore, consistent with the terms and conditions of the TennCare demonstration, we are requesting a (non-emergency) demonstration amendment to make these HCBS enhancements a regular, ongoing feature of the demonstration. This amendment will allow Tennessee to continue providing an enhanced array of HCBS supports for individuals with disabilities on an ongoing basis beyond the end of the state's currently approved, PHE-based authority.

We look forward to working with you and your team as you review this amendment. If you have questions about this amendment, please contact Aaron Butler at 615.507.6448, or aaron.c.butler@tn.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Division of TennCare TennCare III Demonstration

Project No. 11-W-00369/4

Amendment 3 Enhancements to HCBS

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Amendment 3 to the TennCare III Demonstration

TennCare is an integrated managed care program that provides medical, behavioral, and long-term health benefits to approximately 1.7 million Tennesseans. Within the TennCare demonstration, CHOICES provides home- and community-based services (HCBS) to seniors and adults with physical disabilities. Employment and Community First CHOICES (ECF CHOICES) provides HCBS to individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities. In this demonstration amendment, the state proposes a number of enhancements to the HCBS benefits provided through CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. This amendment reflects changes that have been made to the demonstration's HCBS programs in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as changes intended to enhance, expand, and strengthen Medicaid HCBS programs pursuant to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. In addition, the state is requesting a technical correction to the service definition of Automated Health Care and Related Expense Reimbursement in Attachment L of the demonstration.

I. Description of the Amendment

Over the course of the past year, Tennessee has made a number of enhancements to the HCBS programs authorized under the TennCare demonstration (CHOICES and ECF CHOICES). These enhancements reflect the state's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as the implementation of Tennessee's approved HCBS Spending Plan under Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). These enhancements, which are already in effect, were initially authorized under an emergency amendment to the TennCare demonstration. It is anticipated that the authority to implement these enhancements, which was granted on an emergency basis, will end six months after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The purpose of this amendment is to continue these enhanced HCBS benefits beyond their current end date (six months following the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency).

The specific enhancements proposed in this amendment are:

- 1. Increasing certain expenditure caps in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES,
- 2. Providing a time-limited, one-time exception to certain HCBS expenditure limits in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES, and
- 3. Adding Enabling Technology as a covered benefit in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES (this benefit is time-limited in CHOICES).

These changes are currently in effect under the authority of an emergency amendment to the TennCare demonstration and have been instrumental to TennCare's ability to adequately support HCBS recipients during the COVID-19 public health emergency. These changes are also a part of Tennessee's HCBS Spending Plan under the American Rescue Plan Act, which was approved by CMS in September 2021.

Some of the changes proposed in this amendment—increasing CHOICES and ECF CHOICES expenditure caps (and related changes described in Section 1 below) and adding Enabling Technology as a benefit in ECF CHOICES—will be permanent changes to the demonstration's Special Terms and Conditions (STCs).

The remaining changes, which are part of Tennessee's approved HCBS Spending Plan under Section 9817 of the ARP, will remain in effect until the expiration of the state's authority to expend funds attributable to the enhanced FMAP for HCBS under the ARP.¹

The technical correction to Attachment L reflects a minor edit to allow additional flexibility to change the amount set aside annually for payment through the Automated Health Care and Related Expenses Reimbursement service in the Medicaid Diversion (Part B) program.

Each of these changes is discussed in more detail below.

1. Increasing Expenditure Caps for Certain Groups Receiving HCBS

HCBS benefits in CHOICES Group 3 and in ECF CHOICES are subject to annual expenditure caps as specified in the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the TennCare demonstration.² In this amendment, the state proposes to adjust certain of these expenditure caps (where an individual cost neutrality test is not applicable) as indicated in the table below.

Benefit Group	Expenditure Cap Currently Specified in the STCs	New Expenditure Cap
CHOICES Group 3	\$15,000	\$18,000
ECF CHOICES Group 4	\$15,000	\$18,000
ECF CHOICES Group 5	\$30,000	\$36,000
ECF CHOICES Group 6 – Enrollees with Low Level of Need	\$45,000	\$54,000
ECF CHOICES Group 6 – Enrollees with Moderate Level of Need	\$67,500	\$82,000
ECF CHOICES Group 6 – Enrollees with High Level of Need	\$88,250	\$108,000

These increases are not intended to provide for additional benefits, but rather to accommodate targeted rate increases in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES that have a direct care component as provided for in Tennessee's approved HCBS Spending Plan. These expenditure cap adjustments will ensure that individuals in each of these benefit groups continue to have access to their currently approved HCBS.

Notwithstanding these new expenditure limits, a person enrolled in CHOICES or ECF CHOICES shall not be disenrolled, nor shall currently authorized CHOICES or ECF CHOICES services be reduced, if the sole reason the person's expenditure cap would be exceeded is targeted rate increases in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES HCBS.

¹ States are currently authorized to spend federal funding attributable to the enhanced FMAP for HCBS provided for in Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act until March 31, 2025.

² Benefits provided to individuals in CHOICES Group 2 are limited to an amount that is no more than the cost of institutional care, as determined through an individual cost neutrality test.

In addition, in order to ensure the availability of adequate HCBS supports over the life of the demonstration, the state requests flexibility to adjust these expenditure caps without a demonstration amendment as needed to reflect future provider rate increases that may be necessary to ensure sufficient availability of services.

2. Temporarily Exceed Certain Service Limitations in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES

In addition to the expenditure cap adjustments described above, and in addition to the exceptions to the expenditure caps already provided for in the TennCare demonstration, Tennessee proposes to offer timelimited access to flexible family caregiver benefits in order to address the additional stresses from impacts of COVID-19 and ensure the sustainability of these supports going forward.

Members enrolled in CHOICES Group 2 or 3 as of July 12, 2021, will be able to exceed their revised expenditure cap or their individual cost neutrality test, as applicable, in order to receive a one-time increase of up to \$3,000 across the following services:

- Respite,
- Adult Day Services,
- Assistive Technology,
- Enabling Technology, and
- Minor Home Modifications.

Members enrolled in ECF CHOICES Groups 4, 5, 6 or 7 as of July 12, 2021, will be eligible to exceed their revised expenditure cap in order to receive a one-time increase of up to \$3,000 across the following services:

- Respite,
- Assistive Technology, Adaptive Equipment and Supplies,
- Enabling Technology, and
- Minor Home Modifications.

For each program, the \$3,000 is a one-time increase that may be utilized anytime between November 2, 2021, and March 31, 2025 (or any subsequent end date for states to expend funds attributable to the enhanced FMAP associated with ARP Section 9817). A member may elect to receive additional units of one service or multiple services; however, the overall limitation on additional services is \$3,000 per person. This assistance will be provided in addition to existing service limitations and without regard for expenditure caps or individual cost neutrality tests specified in the STCs.

To qualify for this additional assistance, the individual must be enrolled in CHOICES or ECF CHOICES as of July 12, 2021, and living with family members who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance; if the individual does not live with family members, the member must have unpaid family caregivers who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance. Persons receiving residential supports are not eligible for this one-time increase.

The availability of these additional benefits is expected to support members' independence, support family caregivers, address the additional stresses from impacts of COVID-19, and ensure the sustainability of family supports going forward.

Except as provided in this section, all other policies applying to expenditure caps in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES continue to apply.

3. Adding Enabling Technology to CHOICES and ECF CHOICES

Tennessee requests to add Enabling Technology as a new temporary HCBS benefit for CHOICES Group 2 and 3 members, limited to \$5,000 per person per calendar year. This benefit, which is funded under the state's approved HCBS Spending Plan under Section 9817 of the ARP, will remain in effect until March 31, 2025 (or any subsequent date by which states are allowed to expend funds attributable to the enhanced FMAP for HCBS provided for in Section 9817 of the ARP).

Tennessee also seeks to add Enabling Technology as a new benefit for ECF CHOICES Groups 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 members. For these ECF CHOICES members, Enabling Technology and Assistive Technology, Adaptive Equipment and Supplies combined will be limited to \$5,000 per person per calendar year.

An MCO may authorize Enabling Technology services in either CHOICES or ECF CHOICES in excess of the benefit limit as a cost-effective alternative to institutional placement or other medically necessary covered benefits.

Service Definition. Enabling Technology is equipment and/or methodologies that, alone or in combination with associated technologies, provides the means to support the individual's increased independence in their homes, communities, and workplaces. The service covers purchases, leasing, shipping costs, and as necessary, repair of equipment required by the person to increase, maintain or improve his/her functional capacity to perform daily tasks that would not be possible otherwise. All items must meet applicable standards of manufacture, design, and installation.

Enabling Technology includes remote support technology systems in which remote support staff and/or coaches and/or natural supports can interact, coordinate supports, or actively respond to needs in person when needed. Remote support systems are real time support systems which often include two-way communication.

Enabling technology is an available support option for all aspects and places of participants' lives.

- These systems use wireless technology, and/or phone lines, to link an individual's home to a person off-site to provide up to 24/7 support.
- These systems include the use of remote sensor technology to send "real time" data remote staff or family who are immediately available to assess the situation and provide assistance according to a Person-Centered Support Plan (PCSP).

Examples of enabling technologies typically used in peoples' homes include:

- Motion sensors
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Bed and/or chair sensors
- Live or on demand audio and/or video technologies
- Pressure sensors
- Stove guards
- Live web-based remote supports
- Automated medication dispenser systems
- Mobile software applications using digital pictures, audio and video to guide, teach, or remind
- GPS guidance devices
- Wearable and virtual technologies
- Software to operate devices for environmental control or to communicate with other smart devices, paid or natural supports at home, at work, or any other place of personal import.

Enabling Technology excludes coverage of connectivity for internet or telephone service for use of this equipment, to the extent coverage of such services is prohibited by CMS.

Additional information about Enabling Technology as a benefit in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES is provided in Appendix A.

4. Proposed Waiver and Expenditure Authorities

All waiver and expenditure authorities currently approved for the TennCare demonstration will continue to be in effect. Since this amendment reflects adjustments to already approved components of the demonstration, no additional waiver or expenditure authorities are needed. The state requests modifications to the demonstration's STCs as illustrated in Appendix A.

5. Technical Correction to Medicaid Diversion (Part B) Service Definition

The Medicaid Diversion (Part B) component of the TennCare demonstration provides a benefit referred to as Automated Health Care and Related Expense Reimbursement, which allows for the payment or reimbursement of qualified medical and related expenses. As currently defined in Attachment L of the demonstration, this service requires "the child's parent or guardian [to] specify the annual amount to be available for payment or reimbursement through the Automated Health Care and Related Expenses each year, in accordance with processes established by DIDD, subject to the \$10,000 per child per year limit on total benefits available through Katie Beckett Part B and approval of the PCSP by DIDD. Once established, this amount shall not be changed for the year." Tennessee seeks to correct this definition by deleting the last sentence in order to clarify that the amount designated for Automated Health Care and Related Expense Reimbursement may be changed during the year as needed so long as the annual maximum Part B cap is not exceeded. This correction will provide for greater flexibility for members in Medicaid Diversion (Part B).

II. Expected Impact on Budget Neutrality

Implementation of this amendment will not result in any additional enrollment in the TennCare demonstration. The enhancements to HCBS benefits proposed in this amendment are expected to result in an increase in aggregate annual expenditures under the demonstration of approximately \$440 million. Attached is an updated overview of the demonstration's finances that reflects this adjustment.

III. Expected Impact on CHIP Allotment Neutrality

This amendment will not result in any changes to Tennessee's CHIP allotment neutrality.

IV. Updates to Monitoring and Evaluation Processes

The state does not anticipate modifying its evaluation design based on these proposed changes. These changes are expected to contribute to key goals of the TennCare demonstration already reflected in the demonstration's evaluation design (currently under CMS review). These include enhancing coverage and benefits available under the TennCare Demonstration and supporting access to safe and appropriate HCBS.

V. Demonstration of Public Notice and Input

The state has used multiple mechanisms for notifying the public about this amendment and for soliciting public input on the amendment. These public notice and input procedures are informed by—and comply with—the requirements specified in STC 12 of the TennCare demonstration and 59 Fed. Reg. 49249.

Stakeholder Input—ARPA HCBS Spending Plan

The modifications to the TennCare demonstration contained in this amendment reflect portions of Tennessee's approved plan for expanding, enhancing, and strengthening HCBS pursuant to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act. In developing its HCBS spending plan and prior to its submission to CMS in 2021, Tennessee sought and received input from a broad group of HCBS stakeholders, including:

- The state's System Transformation Leadership Group made up of stakeholders from across the HCBS delivery system, including:
 - Self-advocates;
 - Family members of individuals receiving HCBS;
 - Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities;
 - The Arc of Tennessee;

- HCBS providers;
- Tennessee Network of Community Organizations (TNCO—I/DD provider association);
- Tennessee Association for Home Care (TAHC—home health and personal support services agency provider association);
- Tennessee Association of Support Coordination Agencies (TASC);
- State Aging Network (Tennessee Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities);
- TennCare's contracted Managed Care Organizations;
- o Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; and
- Division of TennCare (state Medicaid agency).
- **Tennessee Coalition for Better Aging** made up of stakeholders from across the aging and disability system, including:
 - AgeWell Middle Tennessee (formerly the Council on Aging of Middle Tennessee);
 - Alzheimer's Association;
 - Alzheimer's Tennessee;
 - Fifty Forward;
 - Greater Nashville Regional Council;
 - Mental Health Association of the Mid-South;
 - National Association of Social Workers of Tennessee (represented by Clifton Government Relations);
 - Tennessee Association of Adult Day Services;
 - o Tennessee Association of Agencies on Aging and Disability;
 - Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare;
 - Tennessee Disability Coalition;
 - Tennessee Federation for the Aging;
 - Tennessee Justice Center;
 - Tennessee Respite Coalition;
 - o University of Tennessee College of Social Work; and
 - West End Home Foundation.
- AARP Tennessee;
- Ascension Saint Thomas; and
- **The Partners in Innovation Group** made up of leading innovators in the delivery of HCBS for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Tennessee.

Separate written recommendations were also received from groups participating in many of these broader conversations, including the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities, and individual providers or associations.

Tennessee's ARP HCBS Spending Plan is reflective of information received from these stakeholders—both as part of broader discussions regarding the HCBS delivery system and specifically linked to this funding opportunity.

Public Notice—1115 Demonstration Amendment

The state held a formal notice and comment period on this proposed demonstration amendment from June 29, 2022, through August 1, 2022. During this time, a comprehensive description of the amendment to be submitted to CMS was available for public review and comment on an amendment-specific webpage on the TennCare website. In addition, a notice of the state's intent to submit a demonstration amendment was published in newspapers of general circulation in Tennessee communities with 50,000 or more residents. This newspaper notice described the major elements of the proposed amendment and provided instructions for how to access the proposal on the Tenncare website. The newspaper notice also provided instructions for submitting comments on the proposed amendment to the state during the notice and comment period. In addition, the state notified the public of its intent to submit a demonstration amendment via social media (i.e., Facebook, Twitter) with links to the comprehensive notice on the state's website. The state made copies of its notice available in county health departments throughout the state. TennCare also notified the members of the Tennessee General Assembly of this amendment via an electronically transmitted letter. In addition, the state held a public rulemaking hearing on these changes on May 12, 2022, to update its administrative rules in accordance with Tennessee's uniform administrative procedures act.

Documentation of the state's public notice process is attached to this amendment as Appendix B.

Public Input

The state received two comments on behalf of five organizations in response to its public notice. All comments were reviewed and considered by the state prior to the submission of this amendment to CMS. The comments received, along with the state's responses, are summarized below.

The comments received by the state are also appended to this amendment in their entirety as Appendix C.

One commenter supported the proposed increases in HCBS expenditure caps in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. This commenter believed these increases would support increased wages for direct service professionals. This commenter also recommended that the state plan for future expenditure cap increases at regular intervals. A second commenter asked the state to continue to evaluate the sufficiency of provider rates and expenditure caps to ensure that individuals enrolled in CHOICES and Employment and Community First CHOICES are able to receive adequate, timely, and effective HCBS support.

The state appreciates the comments received on this aspect of its proposal. The state is committed to evaluating the sufficiency of provider rates on an ongoing basis to help ensure that providers are reimbursed equitably and that members receive access to timely, high-quality care. Because any provider rate increases that may occur in the future will impact members' ability to receive care within the established expenditure caps, upon consideration of the public comments received, the state has modified its proposal to request additional flexibility to make future adjustments to the expenditure caps as needed without submitting a demonstration amendment. This flexibility will ensure that the state's

ability to implement rate increases is not constrained by the need to stay within the existing expenditure caps, but that the expenditure caps can be adjusted by the state concurrently with any rate increases that may be deemed necessary. The state believes this flexibility is broadly consistent with authority already permitted by the demonstration's STCs and consistent with recent CMS policy to allow certain flexibilities within 1115 demonstrations to accommodate provider rate increases.

Two commenters supported the proposed temporary exceptions for certain service limitations in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. These commenters indicated that respite is a critical need for Tennesseans with developmental disabilities and their families during the ongoing pandemic, and that the proposed exception to allow additional funding for caregivers is responsive to this need. One commenter expressed hope that this policy will lead to future support for unpaid family caregivers.

The state thanks these commenters for their support. No changes were made to the amendment based on these comments.

One commenter supported adding an Enabling Technology benefit to CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. This commenter noted that this addition would create equity between CHOICES, Employment and Community First CHOICES, and the state's other HCBS programs.

The state thanks this commenter for their support. No changes were made to the amendment based on this comment.

With regard to the proposed addition of Enabling Technology to CHOICES and ECF CHOICES, one commenter described Enabling Technology as "a good option for some people," but commented that Enabling Technology should not be considered a replacement for certain in-person services.

The proposed addition of Enabling Technology to CHOICES and ECF CHOICES is intended to expand the array of support options available to enrollees. Enabling Technology is not intended to be a replacement for any other CHOICES or ECF CHOICES benefit, nor does Amendment 3 propose to reduce the scope of any in-person benefits. No changes were made to the amendment based on this comment.

One commenter recommended that the state continue to conduct outreach to the disability community for meaningful dialog about changes like those in Amendment 3.

The state thanks this commenter for their comments and reiterates its commitment to public input, stakeholder engagement, and transparency regarding all aspects of the TennCare demonstration. The state always welcomes input and suggestions from interested stakeholders on how to make its communication efforts more effective.

One commenter expressed appreciation for the proposed technical change to the definition of Automated Health Care and Related Expenses in Attachment H.

The state thanks this commenter for their support. No changes were made to the amendment based on this comment.

Appendix A Proposed STC Changes

Proposed STC Changes

In order to effectuate the changes contained in this amendment, the state proposes the following changes to the demonstration's special terms and conditions (STCs).

V. BENEFITS

29. TennCare Benefits

- i. The following table (Table 2b) lists HCBS benefits for TennCare Medicaid enrollees and CHOICES demonstration eligibles who are enrolled in the designated CHOICES groups (specified in STC 33.a, Determination of CHOICES Benefits by Designation into a TennCare CHOICES Group). These benefits are in addition to the benefits that are available to them through the regular TennCare program. In addition, the following rules apply to the CHOICES benefit.
 - i. The cost of medical assistance provided to an eligible participant in CHOICES 2 is limited to the amount calculated in the individual cost- neutrality test used in Section 1915(c) waivers as set forth in Section 1915(c)(4)(A). The state may delegate implementation of the cost neutrality test to the MCOs.
 - ii. For purposes of determining capitation rates, the cost of room and board, as defined in Attachment E, is not included in non-institutional care costs.
 - iii. For persons in CHOICES 3 or Interim CHOICES 3, in addition to the service limits stated in Table 2b, the total cost of the HCBS identified in Table 2b shall not exceed \$15,000
 \$18,000 per calendar year, excluding the cost of minor home modifications (as described in Attachment E and Table 2b).
 - iv. The state may adjust the expenditure limits described in subparagraph iii above as needed in order to reflect provider rate increases over the life of the demonstration. Any adjustments made to the CHOICES 3 or Interim CHOICES 3 expenditure limit will be made publicly available on the state's website.
 - v. <u>A person enrolled in CHOICES 3 or Interim CHOICES 3 shall not be disenrolled, nor shall currently authorized CHOICES services and supports be reduced, if the sole reason the person's expenditure cap would be exceeded is state-directed rate increases for CHOICES HCBS.</u>
 - vi. Persons enrolled in CHOICES 2 or CHOICES 3 as of July 12, 2021, are eligible to exceed their individual cost neutrality test or their expenditure cap, as applicable, in order to receive a one-time increase of up to \$3,000 across the following services: respite, adult day care, assistive technology, enabling technology, and minor home modifications. A member may elect to receive additional units of one service or multiple services; however, the overall limitation on additional services is \$3,000 per person. To qualify for this additional assistance the individual must be enrolled in CHOICES as of July 12, 2021, and living with family members who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance, or if the individual does not live with family members, he must have unpaid family caregivers who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance. The person may

not be receiving residential supports. This one-time increase in assistance is available until March 31, 2025, or until any subsequent deadline for states to expend funds associated with the enhanced FMAP for HCBS provided for by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, whichever is later.

Table 2b: Benefits for Persons Enrolled in the CHOICES Program						
Benefit	CHOICES	CHOICES	CHOICES			
(Definitions provided in Attachment E)	<u>1</u>	2	<u>3</u>			
Nursing facility care	Х	Short-term	Short-term			
		only	only			
Community-based residential alternatives (CBRAs)		Х	Х			
Attendant care (up to 1080 hours per calendar year); up to 1400 hours per calendar year ONLY when Homemaker services are needed in addition to hands-on care		Х	Х			
Home-delivered meals (up to 1 meal per day)		Х	Х			
Personal Emergency Response System		Х	Х			
Adult day care (up to 2080 hours per calendar year)		Х	Х			
In-home respite care (up to 216 hours per calendar year)		Х	Х			
In-patient respite care (up to 9 days per calendar year)		Х	Х			
Assistive technology (up to \$900 per calendar year)		Х	Х			
Enabling technology (up to \$5,000 per calendar year) [#]		X	X			
Minor home modifications (up to \$6,000 per project; \$10,000 per calendar year; and \$20,000 per lifetime)		Х	Х			
Pest control (up to 9 units per calendar year)		Х	Х			

<u>vii.</u> Definitions for CHOICES benefits are provided in Attachment E of these STCs.

Enabling technology is a covered benefit for CHOICES members until March 31, 2025, or until any subsequent deadline for states to expend funds associated with the enhanced FMAP for HCBS provided for by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, whichever is later.

j. The following tables (Tables 2c and 2d) list the HCBS benefits (and limits on those benefits) for TennCare Medicaid enrollees and demonstration eligibles who are enrolled in the ECF CHOICES benefit groups (specified in STC 34.a. Determination of ECF CHOICES Benefits by Designation into an ECF CHOICES Benefit Group). These benefits are in addition to the benefits that are available to them through the regular TennCare program. In addition, the following rules apply to the ECF CHOICES benefits.

- iv. ECF CHOICES benefits will be subject to an annual per member expenditure cap as follows. The cost of medical assistance provided to an eligible participant in ECF CHOICES, including any exceptions to the expenditure cap granted under this STC, is limited to the amount calculated in the individual cost-neutrality test used in Section 1915(c) waivers as set forth in Section 1915(c)(4)(A). The state may delegate implementation of the cost neutrality test to the MCOs.
 - A. Individuals receiving Essential Family Supports benefits will be subject to a \$15,000 \$18,000 cap (on benefits), not counting the cost of minor home modifications (as described in Attachment E and Table 2b);
 - B. Individuals receiving Essential Supports for Employment and Independent Living benefits will be subject to a \$30,000 \$36,000 cap on benefits. The state may grant an exception to the \$30,000 \$36,000 cap under the following circumstances:
 - C. Individuals receiving Comprehensive Supports for Employment and Community Living benefits will be subject to an annual expenditure cap as follows:
 - 1. Individuals with low need as determined by the state, in accordance with the published criteria, will be subject to a \$45,000 \$54,000 expenditure cap.
 - 2. Individuals with moderate need as determined by the state, in accordance with the published criteria, will be subject to a $\frac{67,500}{82,000}$ expenditure cap.
 - 3. Individuals with high need as determined by the state, in accordance with the published criteria, will be subject to a \$88,250 \$108,000 expenditure cap.
 - 4. The state may grant exceptions to these expenditure caps on a case-by-case basis as follows:
 - a. For an individual with low, moderate, or high need (but not exceptional medical or behavioral needs) an exception may be made to the applicable expenditure cap for emergency or one-time (including transitional assessment) needs up to \$7,500 per calendar year. Any exception that may be granted would apply only for the calendar year in which the exception is approved.
 - b. For an individual with low, moderate, or high need (but not exceptional medical or behavioral needs), an exception may be made to the applicable expenditure cap when necessary to permit access to Supported Employment and/or Individual Employment Support benefits. The amount will be determined per individual based on the individual's need.
 - c. For individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and exceptional medical/behavioral needs as determined by the state in accordance with published criteria, up to the average cost of NF plus specialized services that would be needed for persons with such needs determined appropriate for NF placement; or for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) and exceptional medical/behavioral needs as

determined by the state in accordance with published criteria, up to the average cost of private ICF/IID services.

- 5. The state may adjust the expenditure limits described in subparagraphs A, B, and C above as needed in order to reflect provider rate increases over the life of the demonstration. Any adjustments made to the expenditure limits for ECF CHOICES Groups 4, 5, or 6 will be made publicly available on the state's website.
- 6. <u>A person enrolled in ECF CHOICES Groups 4, 5, and 6 shall not be</u> <u>disenrolled, nor shall currently authorized ECF CHOICES be reduced, if the</u> <u>sole reason the person's expenditure cap would be exceeded is state-directed</u> <u>rate increases for ECF CHOICES HCBS.</u>
- 7. Individuals receiving Intensive Behavioral Family Supports will be subject to an annual expenditure cap based on the comparable cost of institutional care. Behavioral health services (other than Intensive Behavioral Family-Centered Treatment Stabilization and Supports) will not be counted against the expenditure cap.
- 8. Individuals receiving Comprehensive Behavioral Supports for Employment and Community Living will be subject to an annual expenditure cap based on the comparable cost of institutional care. Behavioral health services (other than Intensive Behavioral Community Transition and Stabilization Services) will not be counted against the expenditure cap.
- In addition to any other exceptions noted above, individuals receiving 9. Essential Family Supports, Essential Supports for Employment and Independent Living, Comprehensive Supports for Employment and Community Living, and Intensive Behavioral Family Supports are eligible to exceed their expenditure cap in order to receive a one-time increase of up to \$3,000 across the following services: respite, assistive technology, adaptive equipment and supplies, enabling technology, and minor home modifications. A member may elect to receive additional units of one service or multiple services; however, the overall limitation on additional services is \$3,000 per person. To qualify for this additional assistance the individual must be enrolled in ECF CHOICES as of July 12, 2021, and living with family members who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance, or if the individual does not live with family members, he must have unpaid family caregivers who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance. The person may not be receiving residential supports. This one-time increase in assistance is available until March 31, 2025, or until any subsequent deadline for states to expend funds associated with the enhanced FMAP for HCBS provided for by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, whichever is later.

Table 2d Benefits and Benefit Limits in ECF CHOICES Benefits Groups					
Benefit (Definitions provided in Attachment H)	Essential Family Supports	Essential Supports for Employment and Independent Living	Comprehensive Supports for Employment and Community Living	Intensive Intensive Behavioral Family Supports	Comprehensive Behavioral Supports for Employment and Community Living
Respite (up to 30 days per calendar year or up to 216 hours per calendar year only for persons living with unpaid family caregivers)	X	Х	X		
Supportive home care (SHC)	Х				
Family caregiver stipend in lieu of SHC (up to \$500 per month for children under age 18; up to \$1,000 per month for adults age 18 and older)	X				
Community integration support services (subject to limitations specified in Attachment H)	X	Х	X	X	
Community transportation	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Independent living skills training (subject to limitations specified in Attachment H)	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Assistive technology, adaptive equipment and supplies (up to \$5,000 per calendar year <u>in combination</u> <u>with Enabling</u> <u>technology</u>)	X	Х	X	Х	X
Enabling technology (up to \$5,000 per calendar year in combination with Assistive technology, adaptive equipment and supplies)	X	X	X	X	X

Table 2d Benefits and Benefit Limits in ECF CHOICES Benefits Groups					
Benefit (Definitions provided in Attachment H)	Essential Family Supports	Essential Supports for Employment and Independent Living	Comprehensive Supports for Employment and Community Living	Intensive Behavioral Family Supports	Comprehensive Behavioral Supports for Employment and Community Living
Minor home modifications (up to \$6,000 per project; \$10,000 per calendar year; and \$20,000 per lifetime)	X	Х	X	Х	X
Community support development, organization and navigation	X			Х	
Family caregiver education and training (up to \$500 per calendar year)	X			X	
Family-to-family support	X			Х	
Decision making supports and options (up to \$500 per lifetime)	X	Х	Х	Х	Х
Health insurance counseling/forms assistance (up to 15 hours per calendar year)	X			X	
Personal assistance (up to 215 hours per month)		Х	Х		
Community living supports (CLS)		Х	Х		
Community living supports— family model (CLS-FM)		Х	Х		
Individual education and training (up to \$500 per calendar year)		Х	Х		

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Peer-to-peer person- centered planning, self-direction, employment and community support and navigation (up to \$1,500 per lifetime)		X	X		
Specialized consultation and training (up to \$5,000 per calendar year)		Х	Х		
Adult dental services (up to \$5,000 per calendar year; up to \$7,500 across three consecutive calendar years)	X	Х	X		Х
Employment services/supports (subject to limitations specified in Attachment H)	X	Х	Х	Х	Х

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 Supported employment— individual employment support Exploration Benefits counseling – Discovery Situational observation and assessment Job development plan or self- employment plan Job development or self- employment start up Job coaching for individualized, integrated employment or self-employment Co-worker supports Career advancement 	X	X	X	X	X
 Supported employment— small group supports 	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
- Integrated employment path services	Х	Х	Х	X	Х
Intensive Behavioral Family- Centered Treatment, Stabilization and Supports				X	

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Intensive Behavioral Community Transition and Stabilization Services					Х

Attachment E Glossary of Terms For TennCare CHOICES

Enabling Technology:

Enabling Technology is equipment and/or methodologies that, alone or in combination with associated technologies, provides the means to support the individual's increased independence in their homes, communities, and workplaces. The service covers purchases, leasing, shipping costs, and as necessary, repair of equipment required by the person to increase, maintain or improve his/her functional capacity to perform daily tasks that would not be possible otherwise. All items must meet applicable standards of manufacture, design and installation.

Enabling Technology includes remote support technology systems in which remote support staff and/or coaches and/or natural supports can interact, coordinate supports, or actively respond to needs in person when needed. Remote support systems are real time support systems which often include two-way communication.

Enabling technology is an available support option for all aspects and places of participants' lives.

- These systems use wireless technology, and/or phone lines, to link an individual's home to a person off-site to provide up to 24/7 support.
- <u>These systems include the use of remote sensor technology to send "real time" data remote staff or</u> <u>family who are immediately available to assess the situation and provide assistance according to a</u> <u>Person-Centered Support Plan (PCSP).</u>

Examples of enabling technologies typically used in peoples' homes include:

- Motion sensors
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- <u>Bed and/or chair sensors</u>
- Live or on demand audio and/or video technologies
- <u>Pressure sensors</u>
- <u>Stove guards</u>
- <u>Live web-based remote supports</u>

- <u>Automated medication dispenser systems</u>
- Mobile software applications using digital pictures, audio and video to guide, teach, or remind
- <u>GPS guidance devices</u>
- <u>Wearable and virtual technologies</u>
- <u>Software to operate devices for environmental control or to communicate with other smart devices</u>, paid or natural supports at home, at work, or any other place of personal import.

Enabling Technology excludes coverage of connectivity for internet or telephone service for use of this equipment, to the extent coverage of such services is prohibited by CMS.

EMPLOYMENT & DAY SUPPORTS

<u>Mobile Technologies to teach safe travel skills and guide people during community travel to work or other places important in their lives, by walking or using public transportation.</u>

Enabling technology options include:

- Mobile software applications using digital pictures, audio and video to guide, teach, or remind
- <u>GPS guidance devices</u>
- <u>Wearable and virtual technologies</u>
- Software to support communication with people along participants' routes or destinations.

Rideshare/ Community Transportation

Pre-authorization of (up to) a \$500 coupon code or pass per month based on person's travel plans or needs, (work, school, shopping, movies, etc.).

This benefit can also be used to pay a car pooler back for gas, for bus fare, a taxi service, etc.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT: EXPLORATION

Digital Career Exploration

Self-directed or guided exploration of jobs and job tasks via a computer environment or a smart device's software application using digital pictures, audio and video to enable participants and job developers to identify jobs that match the individual's job interests.

Digitals tools for interest/skill exploration, member background information, scenario activities to identify skill set, learning styles, support needs.

Virtual Reality

Jobseekers can experience first-hand the pros and cons of various occupations by seeing, hearing and feeling what they are actually like.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT: DISCOVERY/JOB DEVELOPMENT

Online tools for job hunting such as job boards, job interview tasks & tips, conditions for success, job/skill evaluations, scenario activities.

<u>REMOTE COACHING</u>

Job Coaching includes supports provided to the person and their supervisor or co-workers, either remotely (via technology) or face-to-face.

A device that otherwise meets the requirement for two-way communication. Individual interaction with the staff person may be scheduled, on-demand, or in response to an alert from a device in the remote support equipment system.

Mobile technologies, video modeling, task prompting software applications, GPS-based applications; wearable technologies; virtual, augmented, mixed reality systems.

FADING

A mobile technology that offers long-term support on the job, in lieu of paid support, that may encompass job tasks, social behavior, or communication.

The use of enabling and/ or mobile technologies to support fading may cover a wide array of personcentered needs that include attendance, punctuality, self-managing breaks, interpersonal skills, appearance, communication, sequencing job tasks, etc.

ATTACHMENT H

Employment and Community First CHOICES Service Definitions

Enabling Technology: As defined in Attachment E.

ATTACHMENT L Glossary of Terms for Katie Beckett Program

Automated Health Care and Related Expense Reimbursement (limited to children enrolled in Katie Beckett Part B):

Payment or reimbursement, using the vendor contracted by DIDD, of the child's qualified medical and related expenses as follows:

- Private insurance deductibles and co-payments for physician and nursing services, therapies, and prescription drugs;
- Medical equipment and supplies;
- Dental, vision, and hearing services;
- Medical mileage; and
- Other eligible medical expenses as determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be eligible as an itemized medical and dental expenses deduction on Schedule A (Form 1040 or 1040- SR) or qualified for payment or reimbursement under a Healthcare Reimbursement Account, Health Savings Account or Flexible Spending Account, except that health insurance premiums shall be covered only as part of the Health Insurance Premium Assistance benefit (and not as part of this benefit).

Payments or reimbursement for Automated Health Care and Related Expenses Reimbursement shall be limited to the amount specified in the child's approved PCSP.

The child's parent or legal guardian shall specify the annual amount to be available for payment or reimbursement through the Automated Health Care and Related Expenses each year, in accordance with processes established by DIDD, subject to the \$10,000 per child per year limit on total benefits available through Katie Beckett Part B and approval of the PCSP by DIDD. Once established, this amount shall not be changed for the year.

In order to be covered and eligible for reimbursement, the child's parent (or other legal guardian) shall submit acceptable documentation to the vendor contracted by DIDD, as requested, confirming the expense's eligibility for payment or reimbursement. The child's parent(s) or other legal guardian shall comply with all applicable requirements of DIDD's contracted vendor in order to receive this benefit.

A reasonable period shall be provided at the end of each year for submission of final expenditures incurred during the annual period.

Any funds remaining in the child's Automated Health Care and Related Expenses Reimbursement benefit at the end of the year shall be forfeited to the Katie Beckett program and shall not be permitted to "roll over" to the next year. Appendix B

Documentation of Public Notice

Notice of Change to the TennCare III Demonstration Amendment 3

Published June 29, 2022

The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration is providing official notification of intent to file an amendment to the TennCare III demonstration. This amendment, which will be known as "Amendment 3," will be filed with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In Amendment 3, TennCare is requesting to codify certain enhancements to the home- and community-based services (HCBS) available under the TennCare demonstration.

Description of Amendment and Affected Populations

Within the TennCare demonstration, CHOICES provides HCBS to seniors and adults with physical disabilities. Employment and Community First CHOICES (ECF CHOICES) provides HCBS to individuals with intellectual or other developmental disabilities. Amendment 3 reflects changes that have been made to these HCBS programs in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as changes intended to enhance, expand, and strengthen Medicaid HCBS programs pursuant to Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

These changes are currently in effect under the authority of an emergency amendment to the TennCare demonstration and have been instrumental to TennCare's ability to adequately support HCBS recipients during the COVID-19 public health emergency. It is anticipated that TennCare's authority to implement these enhancements will end six months after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The purpose of Amendment 3 is to continue these enhanced HCBS benefits beyond their current end date (six months following the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency).

The specific changes proposed in Amendment 3 are as follows:

1. Increase Expenditure Caps for Certain Groups Receiving HCBS

HCBS benefits in CHOICES Group 3 and in ECF CHOICES are subject to annual expenditure caps as specified in the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the TennCare demonstration. In this amendment, TennCare proposes to adjust these expenditure caps as indicated in the table below.



Benefit Group	Expenditure Cap Currently Specified in the STCs	New Expenditure Cap
CHOICES Group 3	\$15,000	\$18,000
ECF CHOICES Group 4	\$15,000	\$18,000
ECF CHOICES Group 5	\$30,000	\$36,000
ECF CHOICES Group 6 – Enrollees with Low Level of Need	\$45,000	\$54,000
ECF CHOICES Group 6 – Enrollees with Moderate Level of Need	\$67,500	\$82,000
ECF CHOICES Group 6 – Enrollees with High Level of Need	\$88,250	\$108,000

These expenditure cap adjustments reflect the increased costs associated with targeted increases in reimbursement rates for certain HCBS.

2. Temporarily Exceed Certain Service Limitations in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES

In Amendment 3, Tennessee proposes to offer time-limited access to flexible family caregiver benefits in order to address the additional stresses from impacts of COVID-19 and ensure the sustainability of these supports going forward.

Under this amendment, certain individuals enrolled in CHOICES or ECF CHOICES will be allowed to exceed the otherwise applicable limits on HCBS expenditures in order to receive a one-time increase of up to \$3,000 in additional HCBS benefits. To qualify for this one-time increase, an individual must be living with family members who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance; if the individual does not live with family members, the member must have unpaid family caregivers who routinely provide unpaid support and assistance. This one-time increase in HCBS assistance will be available until March 31, 2025, or any subsequent date allowed by the federal government for spending funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

3. Add Enabling Technology to CHOICES and ECF CHOICES

In Amendment 3, Tennessee proposes to add Enabling Technology as an HCBS benefit in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. Enabling Technology refers to equipment and/or methodologies that, alone or in combination with associated technologies, provides the means to support the individual's increased independence in their homes, communities, and workplaces.

For persons enrolled in CHOICES, Enabling Technology will be limited to \$5,000 per person per year. Enabling Technology will be a temporary benefit in CHOICES—



available until March 31, 2025, or any subsequent date allowed by the federal government for spending funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

For persons enrolled in ECF CHOICES, Enabling Technology in combination with Assistive Technology, Adaptive Equipment and Supplies will be limited to \$5,000 per person per year. Enabling Technology will be a permanent benefit in ECF CHOICES.

4. Technical Correction to Medicaid Diversion (Part B) Service Definition

The Medicaid Diversion (Part B) component of the TennCare demonstration provides a benefit referred to as Automated Health Care and Related Expense Reimbursement, which allows for the payment or reimbursement of qualified medical and related expenses. As currently defined in Attachment L of the demonstration, families specify an amount each year to be available for payment or reimbursement through Automated Health Care and Related Expense Reimbursement, and once established, the amount cannot be changed for the year. TennCare will seek a correction to this definition to clarify that the amount designated for Automated Health Care and Related Expense Reimbursement can be changed during the year so long as the individual's maximum benefit limit is not exceeded. This correction will provide for greater flexibility for members in Medicaid Diversion (Part B).

Expected Impact on Enrollment and Expenditures

Amendment 3 will not result in any additional enrollment in the TennCare demonstration. The enhancements to HCBS benefits proposed in Amendment 3 are expected to result in an increase in aggregate annual expenditures under the demonstration of approximately \$440 million.

Evaluation Impact

TennCare does not anticipate modifying its evaluation design based on the proposed changes in Amendment 3. These changes are expected to contribute to key goals of the TennCare demonstration already reflected in the demonstration's evaluation design (currently under CMS review). These include enhancing coverage and benefits available under the TennCare demonstration and supporting access to safe and appropriate HCBS.

Waiver and Expenditure Authorities Requested

All waiver and expenditure authorities currently approved for the TennCare demonstration will continue to be in effect. Since this amendment reflects adjustments to already approved



components of the demonstration, no additional waiver or expenditure authorities are needed.

Public Notice Process

TennCare has taken a variety of steps to ensure that members of the public are notified of Amendment 3. These measures include the development and maintenance of this webpage, as well as notices published in newspapers of general circulation in Tennessee communities with 50,000 or more residents. TennCare has also disseminated information about the proposed amendment via its social media accounts (e.g., Facebook, Twitter).

Public Input Process

TennCare is seeking feedback on Amendment 3 prior to its submission to CMS. Members of the public are invited to offer comments regarding Amendment 3 from June 29, 2022, through August 1, 2022.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the proposed amendment may do so through either of the following options:

- Comments may be sent by email to <u>public.notice.tenncare@tn.gov</u>.
- Comments may be mailed to

Aaron Butler, Director of Policy Division of TennCare 310 Great Circle Road Nashville, TN 37243.

TennCare always appreciates input. In order to be considered for the final draft of Amendment 3, feedback must be received no later than August 1, 2022. Individuals wishing to view comments submitted by members of the public may submit their requests to the same physical address and/or email address at which comments are being accepted.

Draft of Amendment 3

A draft of TennCare's proposed demonstration amendment is located at <u>https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/Amendment3Draft.pdf</u>. Copies of the draft amendment are also available in each county office of the Tennessee Department of Health. Once comments received during the public input period have been reviewed and considered, a final draft of the amendment will be prepared. The final draft



will be submitted to CMS and will then be made available through the webpage located at <u>https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/policy-guidelines/waiver-and-state-plan-public-notices.html</u>.

TennCare Page on CMS Web Site

As the federal agency with oversight authority over all Medicaid programs, CMS offers its own online resources regarding the TennCare Demonstration. Interested parties may view these materials at

https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiverlist/waivers_faceted.html.





July 1, 2022

The Honorable Randy McNally Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Senate Suite 700 Cordell Hull Building Nashville, Tennessee 37243

The Honorable Cameron Sexton Speaker of the House of Representatives Suite 600 Cordell Hull Building Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Lt. Governor McNally and Speaker Sexton:

This letter is written to inform you that the Division of TennCare plans to submit to CMS an amendment to the TennCare demonstration. This amendment will be known as "Amendment 3." The purpose of Amendment 3 is to enhance the home- and community-based services available to individuals through the CHOICES and ECF CHOICES programs.

The specific changes proposed in Amendment 3 are:

- 1. Increasing the expenditure limits for individuals in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES to reflect targeted increases in reimbursement rates for certain services;
- 2. Offering time-limited access to flexible family caregiver benefits for persons in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES in order to address the additional stresses from COVID-19 and ensure the sustainability of these family caregiver supports going forward; and
- 3. Adding Enabling Technology as a benefit in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES; Enabling Technology refers to equipment and/or methodologies that support individuals' increased independence in their homes, communities, and workplaces.

In addition, TennCare plans to seek a technical correction to the TennCare demonstration to clarify that families participating in Katie Beckett Part B have the flexibility to make adjustments to the amount designated for health expense reimbursement throughout the year, so long as the family does not exceed the overall limit on Part B benefits.

Implementation of Amendment 3 will not result in any changes in TennCare enrollment. The enhancements to HCBS benefits proposed in Amendment 3 are expected to result in an increase in aggregate annual TennCare expenditures of approximately \$440 million. These costs are funded in part by state funds included in TennCare's budget (matched by federal dollars at TennCare's customary match rate), as well as additional federal funding made available to states through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 specifically to support and strengthen Medicaid HCBS programs.

Copies of this letter are being sent electronically to all members of the General Assembly, in accordance with T.C.A. § 71-5-104(b). In addition, a more comprehensive summary of Amendment 3 is available on the TennCare website located at <u>http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/</u>. The public comment period for Amendment 3 will run from June 29, 2022, through August 1, 2022.

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Please let us know if you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Smith Director, Division of TennCare

cc: The Honorable Members of the General Assembly

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TennCare's public comment period regarding Amendment 3 to the TennCare demonstration is now open. Amendment 3 involves enhancements to the HCBS benefits available through TennCare's CHOICES and Employment and Community First CHOICES programs. Learn more at https://www.tn.gov/.../Amendment3ComprehensiveNotice.pdf



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Continued from last column All auctions will be sold through Storagetreasures.com on or after 25 July 2022 at 9:30 am. The company name is Stor-alot, and the units are located at 1170 Ashland City Rd, Clarksville, TN 37040. The store manager can be reached at 931-919-4294. Barroso, Gaspar 0269 6013 Bacon, Christina 148 1514 1102 1341 1365 Stowe, Marquis 7030

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

Sale at public auction will be on July 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., local time at the usual and customary location at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 1 Millennium Plaza, Clarksville, TN 37040, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Ruby H. Ramey for the benefit of U.S. Bank National Association ND, as Beneficiary, dated October 15, 2010, of record in Instrument Number 874916, Vol. 1361, Page 95, in the Register of Deeds Office for Montgomery County, Tennessee, ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by James E. Albertelli, P.A. d/b/a ALAW, a Florida corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Tennessee, having been appointed Trustee, all of record in the Register of Deeds Office for Montgomery County, Tennessee. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: U.S. Bank National Association

Other Interested Parties:

The hereinafter described real property located in Montgomery County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

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Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 816 Garrettsburg Rd, Clarksville, TN 37042, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. Map/Parcel Number: 044D A 01600 000

Current owner(s) of the property: The Estate of Ruby H. Ramey a/k/a Ruby D. Ramey, deceased

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; and unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of trust, including right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this foreclosure sale. THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above or any subsequent adjourned day, time, and place of sale.

If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Albertelli Law Trust Account. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the Lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received, in excess of the winning bid, will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the Lender or Trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Trustee at any time

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR JULY 2022 Notice of Public Meetings and Public Comment Opportunities related to the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) and its Boards and Committees

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Notice is hereby given that the following with their during regular sessions for the purposes of considering and transacting business on behalf of the GNRC and its membership.
Mid-Cumberland Area Development Corporation Board of Directors (MADC) – MADC is a federally recognized Certified Development Company administered by GNRC. It will meet at 220 Athens Way, Suite 200, Nashville, TN 37228 on July 7 and July 21 at 10:30 a.m. to conduct regular business related to the approval of small business loops backed with federal recourses.

these and other public meetings is posted online at www.gnrc.org. Please check the website or call 615-862-8828 for the latest informa-tion about public meeting times and locations or other items of public notice

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10am on 7/20/22. The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, toys, boxes, clothes and misc. Name: Tondrick Chandler Unit #: Tondrick Chandler A3201 You must be 18 to bid online.

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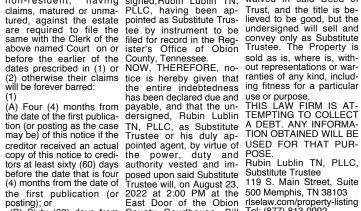
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ment office on Friday July 8,2022 at 10 am. Obion County reserves the right at any and all times to ac-



2022 Lisa M. Fuchs Co-Exec Hans G. Fuchs Co-Exec Attorney for the Estate

ance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated June FOR SALE: Brand new cept and/or reject any and 26, 2019, executed by bag of Styrofoam pea size all bids in whole or in part CINDY MARIE EDWARDS s, great for pillows and to waive any irregulariant of STEVE EDWARDS bean bags! \$8, ties in any bid. 55-4910 6/30/2022 property therein described



the first publication (or 2022 at 2.50 r.m. ct. ... posting); or East Door of the Obion (B) Sixty (60) days from County Courthouse, Bill the date the creditor re-burnett Circle, Union City, ceived an actual copy of TN 38261, proceed to sell the notice to creditors if the at public outcry to the high-creditor received the copy est and best bidder for of the notice less than sixty cash or certified funds (60) days prior to the date ONLY, the following de-that is four (4) months from scribed property situated in the date of first publication Obion County, Tennessee, (or posting) as described in to wit:

THE FOLLOWING PROP (1) (4), 01 THE FOLLOWING PROP-(2) Twelve (12) months ERTY BEING LOCATED from the decedent's date of IN CIVIL DISTRICT 7, death, COUNTY OF OBION, This 28th day of June, STATE OF TENNESSEE:

TRACT NO. 1: BEGIN-NING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THE RIVES-MT. PELIA PUBLIC ROAD, SAME BEING

FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE BILLY E. TURNER TRACT, OF WHICH THIS IS A PART AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A TRACT BELONGING TO CUL-TRA, DUNN, AND KEL-LER, THENCE S 53 MINITES

E, WITH CENTER OF SAID ROAD 185 FEET, agency located in Balti-MORE OR LESS, TO A more, Maryland. POINT; THENCE S 80 DE-GREES 51 MINUTES W, CUTTING A NEW LINE THROUGH THE PROP THROUGH THE PROP-ERTY OF TURNER, 275 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT

THENCE N 5 DEGREES 53 MINUTES W, CUTTING A NEW LINE THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF

TURNER, 275 FEET,

TAINING 1.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. TRACT_NO. 2: BEGIN-INING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF THE bursement rates for certain RIVES-MT. PELIA ROAD services;

to WILSON & ASSOCI-ATES P.L.L.C., as Trustee, reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trusas same appears of record in the Register's Office of tee. This sale may be re-OBION COUNTY (Deceased) Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of June, 2022, Letters Testamen-and WHEREAS, the beneficial WHEREAS, the beneficial other day, time, and place certain without further pub-WHEREAS, the beneficial tary in respect of the estate interest of said Deed of lication, upon announce-tian, who died June 14, Trust was last transferred ment at the time and place 2022 were issued to the and assigned to PennyMac for the sale set forth above. undersigned by the Chan- Loan Services, LLC who is all right and equity of re-All right and equity of re-demption, statutory or oth-erwise, homestead, and County, Tennessee. All debt; and persons, resident and WHEREAS, the under-non-resident, having signed, Rubin Lublin TN, claims, matured or unma- PLLC, having been apdower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is be-lieved to be good, but the County, Tennessee Regis-ter of Deeds. WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment undersigned will sell and

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convey only as Substitute been made in the payment Trustee. The Property is of the debt(s) and obligasold as is, where is, with-out representations or wartion(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank National Association, (the ing fitness for a particular "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights,

USED FOR THAT PUR-Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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NOTICE OF Change in TennCare III

Oblin occurry to wit: The following property be-ing located in Civil District 5, County of Obion, State providing official notification, pursuant to 59 Fed. Reg. 49249, of intent to file an amendment to the TennCare III Demonstra-BELONGING TO CUL-TRA, DUNN, AND KEL-TRA, DUNN, AND KEL-CAMPANENT AN line; thence south with the Langley line, 300 feet to a

to the beginning. BEING identified for tax purposes as Map 85, Par-cel 22.00, with an address vides home- and commu-nity-based services (HCBS) to seniors and adults with physical dis-abilities. Employment and of 4544 W Hwy 21, Horn-beak, TN 38232. BEING the same property acquired by Alexander Isaacs and Jasmine Davis Community First CHOICES (ECF CHOICES) provides 195, Page 613, in the Reg-ister's Office of Obion County, Tennessee. Parcel ID Number: 5-85-85-22.00-0

Address/Description: 4544 W Highway 21, Horn-MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CON-1. Increasing the expendi-taining 1.16 ACRES, ture caps for individuals in beak, TN 38232 Current Owner(s): mine Davis Other

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Courthouse, Union City, Tennessee, proceed to sell

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stake; thence in an east-erly direction, with the Hornbeak and Lake High-

way, (Number 21), 125 feet

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF TENNESSEE, TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly ap-

pointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and im-WHEREAS, Alexander Isaacs and Jasmine Davis executed a Deed of Trust posed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on July 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the East Door of the Obion to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for First Citizens National County Courthouse, Bill Burnett Circle, Union City, TN 38261, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for Bank, Lender and Sherrell Armstrong, Trustee(s), which was dated May 17, 2017, and recorded on May 18, 2017, in Book 195, at Page 615 in Obion

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erwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, withexander Isaacs and Jas- out representations or warranties of any kind, includ-ing fitness for a particular

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payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on August 9, 2022, at 02:00 PM at the usual and customary loca-tion at the Obion County

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MORE OR LESS TO A POINT; THENCE N 80 DEGREES 51 MINUTES E, CLITTING 51 MINUTES E, CUTTING HCBS benefits available A NEW LINE THROUGH through CHOICES and through CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. The spe-cific changes proposed in

Party(ies): The sale of the property SAID POINT BEING 623.5 2. Providing a temporary, FEET SOUTH OF THE one-time exception to the NORTHEAST_CORNER CHOICES and ECF plat; any and all liens NORTHEAST COHNER CHOICES and ECF OF BILLY TURNER'S CHOICES expenditure PROPERTY AND ALSO caps for certain individuals; SAID POINT BEING THE specifically, TennCare is NORTHEAST CORNER proposing to allow certain OF THE TRACT HEREIN CHOICES and ECF DESCRIBED; THENCE CHOICES members to re-SOUTH 3 DEGREES AND CHOICES members to reagainst said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applica-ble; any prior liens or en-cumbrances as well as any DESCRIBED; THENCE CHOICES members to re-SOUTH 3 DEGREES AND ceive services in excess of 46 MINUTES EAST WITH the otherwise applicable THE SAID CENTER LINE limits, up to \$3,000; and FOR A DISTANCE OF 3. 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Deed of Trust dated Members of the public who August 15, 2016, executed by HUBBARD H MURRAY JR., KELLEY D WHERRY, conveying cer-tain real property therein PROPERTY ADDRESS: wish to comment on Tenn-The street address of the Care's proposal may send property is believed to be written comments by mail WHERRY, conveying cer-4103 RIVES MOUNT PE- to Mr. Aaron Butler, Direc- tain real property therein LIA ROAD, Rives, TN tor of Policy, Division of described to ALLISON S. 38253. In the event of any TennCare, 310 Great Cir-discrepancy between this cle Road, Nashville, Ten- tee, as same appears of street address and the le-gal description of the prop-erty, the legal description public.notice.tenncare@tn. record in the Register's Of-fice of Obion County, Tennessee recorded August 19, 2016, in Deed Book 180, Page 452 ; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of shall control. gov. 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cash or certified funds ONLY, the following de-scribed property situated in Obion County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING LOT NO. 61 IN THE COVINGTON SUBDI-VISION NO. 2 TO THE CITY OF SOUTH FUL-TON, TENNESSEE, AC-CORDING TO A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RE-CORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 52, IN THE REG-ISTER`S OFFICE OF OF OBION COUNTY, TEN-NESSEE. THIS LOT FRONTS WEST 75 FEET

powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and ON THE EAST SIDE OF MCDOWELL STREET; AND RUNS BACK EAST WITH THE NORTH MAR-GIN OF GRYMES NOW, THEREFORE, no-tice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and GRYMES STREET A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET.

Parcel ID: 007N-E-020.00 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 300 GRYMES ST, SOUTH FULTON, TN 38257. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S):

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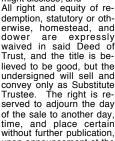


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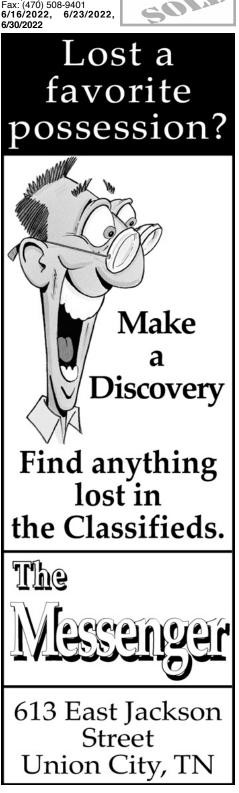
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Appendix C Public Comments



STATE OF TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DAVY CROCKETT TOWER, FIRST FLOOR 500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-0228 PHONE 615-532-6615 FAX 615-532-6964

August 1, 2022

Director Stephen Smith Division of TennCare 310 Great Circle Rd. Nashville, TN 37243

Director Smith,

On behalf of the TN Council on Developmental Disabilities, The Arc Tennessee, Disability Rights Tennessee, and the Statewide Independent Living Council, we submit the following public comment on <u>Amendment 3</u>:

We support the proposed increases in expenditure caps for certain groups receiving HCBS. Without raising these caps regularly, people receiving HCBS will be negatively affected by factors like cost of living increases and even positive changes such as direct support professional (DSP) wage increases. These cost increases make services more expensive and can lead to the equivalent of service reductions when those services start to exceed the caps. We recommend that TennCare proactively plan for future expenditure cap increases at regular intervals, such as every 3-5 years, to ensure that caps are keeping up with the cost of services.

We support the proposed temporary exceptions for certain service limitations in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. Tennesseans in our networks have named respite as the #1 need for Tennesseans with developmental disabilities and their families during the ongoing pandemic. The additional funding for caregivers is responsive to this need.

We support adding Enabling Technology to CHOICES and ECF CHOICES. This is long overdue and will create equity between the HCBS waiver programs, as currently this benefit is only available to people enrolled in the 1915c waivers.

Finally, we want to recommend that TennCare conduct more outreach to the disability community for meaningful dialog about changes like those in Amendment 3. Our organizations stand ready to help explain and distribute information in plain language to

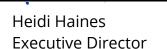
the Tennesseans who are affected by the changes. We can better play this role when we are alerted to policy changes and engaged in discussing them.

Sincerely,





Council on Developmental Disabilities







Lisa Primm Executive Director





Dora Easterling Executive Director





Mr. Stephen Smith Director of TennCare Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration 310 Great Circle Road Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Amendment 3 to the TennCare III demonstration project. The Tennessee Disability Coalition is an alliance of organizations and individuals who have joined to promote the full and equal participation of Tennesseans with disabilities in all aspects of life. We work together to advocate for public policy that ensures self-determination, independence, empowerment, and inclusion for people with disabilities.

We applaud TennCare's ongoing commitment to Tennesseans who are aging and have disabilities through the supports and services provided by the CHOICES and ECF CHOICES Programs. Together, we have common goals for services for people who are aging and for those who have disabilities, and we support the state's efforts for additional innovation and investment in Tennessee's long-term services and support infrastructure. We also support the ways the state is enhancing the benefits and services provided to TennCare members and improving the health of Tennesseans.

We appreciate the changes TennCare has already undertaken, including re-expanding eligibility for CHOICES 3 and using temporary federal pandemic relief funds to provide rate increases in CHOICES and ECF CHOICES to mitigate the issue of low front-line worker pay. We are likewise encouraged by the tenets of the proposed Amendment 3 to the TennCare III demonstration project.

We are encouraged to by TennCare's recent commitment to LTSS rate increases and other actions to improve front line worker pay. These are necessary and impactful steps in the effort to address critical shortages and the growing need. Further, raising the expenditure caps for ECF CHOICES and CHOICES participants stands to support people with IDD and their families in accommodating these rate increases.

Those increases, however, may come at the expense of access to the appropriate scope, level and duration of needed services because of spending caps. Tennessee's dedicated HCBS providers, already stretched thin, are confronting inflation and other challenges in this current economic environment. Additionally, some providers are currently unable to provide services while covering their costs, resulting in an inadequate network in certain areas and people waiting for approved services to begin. Even beyond worker pay issues, the cost of maintaining needed levels of services and supports are increasing dramatically. Expenditure caps must reflect this. It is our hope that TennCare continues to evaluate the sufficiency of their provider rates and

expenditure caps to ensure that participating Tennesseans can receive adequate, timely and effective HCBS support.

We are further encouraged by the proposal to prioritize access to exceed service limitations for those individuals who receive substantial unpaid support from family members The recognition that these unpaid supports take the place of services that are otherwise paid for and covered under ECF CHOICES and CHOICES is well-deserved. Unpaid family caregiving often comes at great personal, emotional and financial cost. Acknowledgement and compensation for their vital and underappreciated labor is a wonderful first step toward routine demonstration of their value. It is our hope that this expansion opens the door toward ongoing recognition and material support for unpaid family caregivers.

TennCare's proposal to make Enabling Technology available more broadly has the potential to benefit many Tennesseans with disabilities. Enabling Technology is a good option for some people, but it should not be considered a replacement for necessary in-person services. It is our hope that funds for Enabling Technology are made available for those that want to try them, but also that funds are not used for undesired replacement of in-person services, nor the funds be used to pressure or otherwise unduly influence ECF CHOICES and CHOICES participants to change their services.

Finally, TennCare's proposal to increase flexibility for families enrolled in the state's Katie Beckett program (Part B) to more efficiently and effectively use their Health Reimbursement Accounts will be greatly beneficial. Since the implementation of the Katie Beckett program, this issue has presented a great deal of difficulty for these families. Fixing this issue is another great first step toward improving the Part B HRA option.

The need for long-term supports and services in Tennessee will continue to grow as evidenced in the recent April 2022 Comptroller report "Senior Long-Term Care in Tennessee: Trends and Options". The report indicated that the number of Tennessee seniors aged 60 and over is expected to increase by 30 percent from 1.6 million in 2020 to 2.1 million in 2040 and that the number of those age 80 and over in Tennessee is forecast to double during this time. It is likely that a great number of these Tennesseans will need HCBS services, in addition to those already receiving services and those graduating into the state's Medicaid programs.

We appreciate TennCare's proposals to increase provider rates and expenditure caps, to provide one-time funds for HCBS, to fund enabling technology for those that want it and to ease the use of the Katie Beckett part B HRA option. We look forward to working with TennCare as they implement these changes in ways that provide comprehensive, efficient, and effective health coverage to Medicaid beneficiaries so they receive the critical health care services they need.

Sincerely,

Jeff Strand Coordinator of Government and External Affairs Tennessee Disability Coalition

Changes related to Amendment 3 - HCBS Enhancements

Without Waiver Total Expenditures - (Cap from Original TC III Waiver)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Aggregate Cap	\$9,356,603,867	\$9,721,165,197	\$10,133,757,745	\$10,566,395,812	\$11,020,053,654 t	bd	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Risk Corridor Adjustment	\$1,121,506,099	\$1,028,523,100	\$506,827,452	\$0	\$0 t	bd	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
Total	\$10,478,109,966	\$10,749,688,297	\$10,640,585,197	\$10,566,395,812	\$11,020,053,654 t	bd	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd

Without Waiver Total Expenditures - Adjusted for HCBS ARP Expenditures

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Aggregate Cap	\$9,356,603,867	\$9,721,165,197	\$10,133,757,745	\$10,566,395,812	\$11,020,053,654	bd	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
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Projected Expenditures on ARP HCBS Items	\$48,102,773	\$157,715,148	\$172,756,273	\$160,688,767	\$143,597,725	\$143,597,725	\$143,597,725	\$143,597,725	\$143,597,725	\$143,597,725

Total \$10,526,212,739 \$10,907,403,445 \$10,813,341,471 \$10,727,084,579 \$11,163,651,379 tbd tbd tbd tbd tbd tbd

With Waiver Total Expenditures - (Projections prior to Amendment 2)

Dist	ibution	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	EG1 Disabled	\$2,444,483,928	\$2,517,818,446	\$2,593,352,999	\$2,671,153,589	\$2,751,288,197	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EG2 Over 65	\$1,940,658	\$1,998,878	\$2,058,844	\$2,120,610	\$2,184,228	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EG3 Children	\$2,359,120,550	\$2,429,894,166	\$2,502,790,991	\$2,577,874,721	\$2,655,210,962	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EG4 Adults	\$2,428,740,939	\$2,501,603,167	\$2,576,651,262	\$2,653,950,800	\$2,733,569,324	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EG5 Duals	\$1,341,217,606	\$1,381,454,134	\$1,422,897,758	\$1,465,584,691	\$1,509,552,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EG12E Carryover	\$96,990,124	\$99,899,828	\$102,896,822	\$105,983,727	\$109,163,239	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	DSH	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	UC Pool	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EG14 Katie Beckett Part B	\$1,219,925	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EG17 Less than MEC Additions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	GME	\$30,556,200	\$25,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	DSIP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$9,326,654,403	\$9,625,053,093	\$9,918,033,151	\$10,194,052,612	\$10,478,352,656	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

With Waiver Total Expenditures - (Projections including Amendment 2))

]	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Projected Expenditures on ARP HCBS Items	\$48,102,773	\$157,715,148	\$172,756,273	\$160,688,767	\$143,597,725	\$149,341,634	\$155,315,299	\$161,527,911	\$167,989,028	\$174,708,589
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stribution	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
EG1 Disabled	\$2,444,483,928	\$2,517,818,446	\$2,593,352,999	\$2,671,153,589	\$2,751,288,197	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
EG2 Over 65	\$1,940,658	\$1,998,878	\$2,058,844	\$2,120,610	\$2,184,228	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
EG3 Children	\$2,407,223,322	\$2,587,609,314	\$2,675,547,264	\$2,738,563,487	\$2,798,808,687	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EG4 Adults	\$2,428,740,939	\$2,501,603,167	\$2,576,651,262	\$2,653,950,800	\$2,733,569,324	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
EG5 Duals	\$1,341,217,606	\$1,381,454,134	\$1,422,897,758	\$1,465,584,691	\$1,509,552,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EG12E Carryover	\$96,990,124	\$99,899,828	\$102,896,822	\$105,983,727	\$109,163,239	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
DSH	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$369,538,589	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
UC Pool	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$252,845,885	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EG14 Katie Beckett Part B	\$1,219,925	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EG17 Less than MEC Additions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
GME	\$30,556,200	\$25,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DSIP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
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Total	\$9,422,859,949	\$9,940,483,388	\$10,263,545,698	\$10,515,430,145	\$10,765,548,106	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	