



April 8, 2022

Judith Cash, Director
State Demonstrations Group
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Mail Stop: S2-26-06
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

RE: TennCare III Demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00369/4), Amendment 2

Dear Ms. Cash,

The purpose of this letter is to request a change to the TennCare Demonstration. In this amendment request, Tennessee is proposing to extend coverage under the TennCare demonstration to children adopted from state custody who do not otherwise qualify for Medicaid. Extending TennCare coverage to these children will remove a potential barrier to adoption, as well as promote greater continuity of care for these children as they transition from foster care to permanent homes. This proposed amendment advances our shared goals of expanding access to care and advancing health equity.

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,

Stephen Smith
Director, Division of TennCare



Division of TennCare

TennCare III Demonstration

Project No. 11-W-00369/4

Amendment 2

Coverage of Adopted Children

April 8, 2022

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Amendment 2 to the TennCare III Demonstration

TennCare is an integrated managed care program that provides medical and behavioral health benefits to approximately 1.6 million Tennesseans. In Amendment 2, the state proposes to extend TennCare coverage to certain adopted children who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

I. Description of the Amendment

One of the key objectives of the Medicaid program is to provide healthcare coverage to various groups of vulnerable Americans, including low-income children and children in other at-risk groups. Children and adolescents in the foster care system are a particularly at-risk group. Studies generally show that children in foster care are disproportionately at risk for a variety of physical and mental health conditions.¹ Children and adolescents need permanency, stability, and a sense of belonging in a family for optimal well-being.

TennCare's coverage currently includes children for whom a Title IV-E adoption assistance agreement is in effect,² as well as children with special needs receiving non-IV-E adoption assistance from the state.³ However, there are a number of children in foster care in Tennessee each year who, if adopted, do not qualify for either form of adoption assistance (federal or state). In this amendment, the state proposes to extend TennCare coverage to children adopted from state custody who do not qualify for Medicaid on the basis of receiving federal or state adoption assistance. Extending Medicaid coverage to this group of children will remove a potential barrier to adoption, as well as promote greater continuity of care for these children as they transition from foster care to permanent homes.

Description of Proposed Population

In this amendment, the state proposes to provide TennCare coverage to children who are:

1. Adopted from state custody in Tennessee, and
2. Not otherwise eligible for coverage in any Medicaid category (e.g., not eligible for Medicaid on the basis of receiving IV-E or non-IV-E adoption assistance, not eligible for Medicaid on the basis of income, etc.).

This group of children will be added to the list of populations covered by the TennCare demonstration. This group of children will receive services through TennCare's existing managed care program. Covered

¹ See for example Turney, K. & Wildeman, C. (2016). Mental and physical health of children in foster care. *Pediatrics*, 138(5). Accessed at <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/138/5/e20161118/60623/Mental-and-Physical-Health-of-Children-in-Foster>. See also Bronsard G. et al. (2016). The prevalence of mental disorders among children and adolescents in the child welfare system: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Medicine*, 95(7). Accessed at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4998603/pdf/medi-95-e2622.pdf>

² See 42 CFR § 435.145.

³ See 42 CFR § 435.227.

benefits for these children will be the same as all other children enrolled in TennCare. This group of children will not be subject to cost sharing.

Coverage for these children will last until age 19, except in the following circumstances: if the adoptive parent(s) requests disenrollment, if the child is no longer a Tennessee resident, if the state determines that benefits were erroneously granted, if the child dies, or if the child is determined eligible for Medicaid coverage in a non-demonstration category.

Proposed Waiver and Expenditure Authorities

All waiver and expenditure authorities currently approved for the TennCare demonstration will continue to be in effect. To effectuate this amendment, the state requests expenditure authority under Section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act to provide coverage as described above for children who are adopted from state custody but who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

II. Expected Impact on Budget Neutrality

Implementation of this amendment is expected to result in approximately 50 additional children enrolling in TennCare each year. Over time, this additional enrollment is expected to result in an increase in annual aggregate expenditures under the TennCare demonstration of approximately \$1 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 table below presents an overview of the state’s plan for evaluating the provisions outlined in this amendment.

Hypothesis	Methodology	Data Sources and Metrics
Rates of adoption for children in state custody will increase when Medicaid coverage is available for all children.	Number and percentage of children adopted from state custody.	State administrative data

Demonstration monitoring reports and processes will be modified to include the number of children enrolled in this new demonstration population each quarter.

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.

Public Notice

The state held a formal notice and comment period on this proposed demonstration amendment from December 7, 2021, through January 10, 2022. During this time, a comprehensive description of the amendment to be submitted to CMS was made 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.

Documentation of the state’s public notice process is attached below as Attachment A.

Public Comments

The state received two comments in response to its public notice. Both of these comments were supportive of the state’s proposal to extend coverage of adopted children under the TennCare demonstration. No changes were made to the amendment based on these comments. The public comments received by the state in response to its public notice are attached in their entirety in Attachment B.

Attachment A

Documentation of Public Notice

Notice of Change to the TennCare III Demonstration Amendment 2

Published December 7, 2021

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 2,” will be filed with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In Amendment 2, TennCare is requesting to extend its coverage to children adopted from state custody who do not currently qualify for TennCare.

Description of Amendment and Affected Populations

TennCare currently covers children adopted from state custody for whom a Title IV-E adoption assistance agreement is in effect, as well as children with special needs receiving non-IV-E adoption assistance from the state. However, there are a number of children in foster care in Tennessee each year who do not qualify for either form of adoption assistance (federal or state). In this amendment, TennCare proposes to extend its coverage to children adopted from state custody who do not qualify for federal or state adoption assistance.

Extending TennCare coverage to this group of children will remove a potential barrier to adoption, as well as promote greater continuity of care for these children as they transition from foster care to permanent homes. Coverage for these children will generally last until age 18 but may last until age 19 if the child is still a full-time student in a secondary school (high school or equivalent). Coverage may last until age 21 if the child has a mental or physical disability that warrants the continuation of coverage.

This group of children will be added to the list of populations covered by the TennCare demonstration. This group of children will receive services through TennCare’s existing managed care program. Covered benefits for these children will be the same as all other children enrolled in TennCare. This group of children will not be subject to cost sharing.

Expected Impact on Enrollment and Expenditures

Amendment 2 is expected to result in approximately 50 additional children enrolling in TennCare each year. Over time, this additional enrollment is expected to result in an increase in annual aggregate expenditures under the TennCare demonstration of approximately \$1 million.



Evaluation Impact

As part of this amendment, TennCare will evaluate the extent to which rates of adoption for children in state custody increase when TennCare coverage is available to all adopted children.

Waiver and Expenditure Authorities Requested

To implement this amendment, TennCare will request expenditure authority under Section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act to provide coverage as described above for children who are adopted from state custody but who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid (i.e., not receiving IV-E or non-IV-E adoption assistance).

Public Notice Process

TennCare has taken a variety of steps to ensure that members of the public are notified of Amendment 2. 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 disseminated information about the proposed amendment via its social media accounts (e.g., Facebook, Twitter). TennCare has also notified members of the Tennessee General Assembly of its intent to submit Amendment 2.

Public Input Process

TennCare is seeking feedback on Amendment 2 prior to its submission to CMS. Members of the public are invited to offer comments regarding Amendment 2 from December 7, 2021, through January 10, 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 public.notice.tennCare@tn.gov.
- 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 2, feedback must be received no later than January 10, 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 2

A draft of TennCare's proposed demonstration amendment is located at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/DraftVersionOfAmendment2.pdf>. 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 <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/policy-guidelines/waiver-and-state-plan-public-notice.html>.

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.medicare.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/waivers_faceted.html.





December 8, 2021

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 2.” The purpose of Amendment 2 is to enhance TennCare’s coverage of children adopted from state custody in Tennessee.

TennCare currently covers children adopted from state custody in Tennessee who qualify for federal or state adoption assistance. In Amendment 2, TennCare intends to extend its coverage to children adopted from state custody who do not qualify for federal or state adoption assistance. Extending TennCare coverage to this group of children will remove a potential barrier to adoption, as well as promote greater continuity of care for these children as they transition from foster care to permanent homes.

Implementation of Amendment 2 is expected to result in approximately 50 additional children enrolling in TennCare each year. Over time, this additional enrollment is expected to result in an increase in annual aggregate expenditures under the TennCare demonstration of approximately \$1 million. The state portion of these costs was included in the budget for State Fiscal Year 2022.

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 2 is available on the TennCare website located at <http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/>. The public comment period for Amendment 2 will run from December 7, 2021, through January 10, 2022.

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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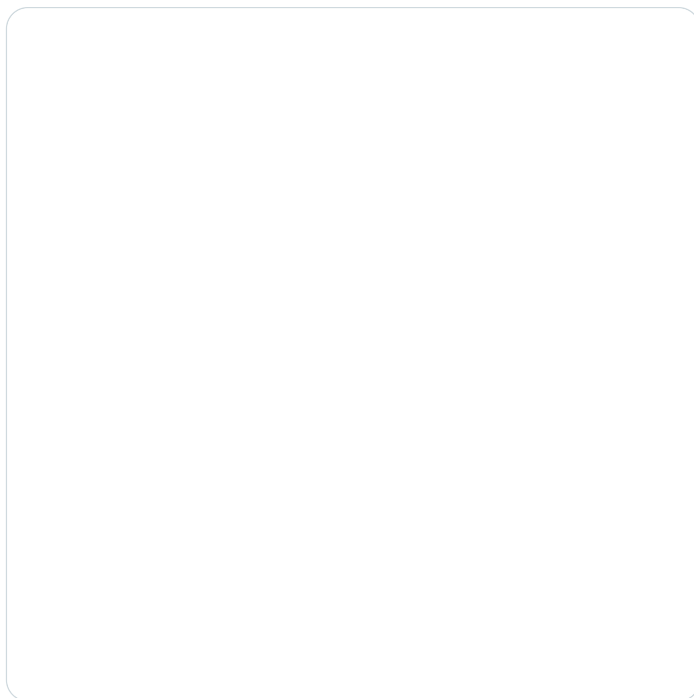
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That Piyuh Bhai Patel has made an application to the Madison County Beer Commission for a permit to sell beer in Madison County. This application is for an Off-Premise Permit, located at 134 US Highway 132, Denmark, Madison County, Tennessee. Said hearing will be held on December 21, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. at the West Tennessee Center for Agricultural Research and Public Service, Conference Room 133, 585 Airways Blvd., Jackson, Tennessee.

Fred Birmingham
Secretary
MADISON COUNTY BEER COMMISSION

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By DAVID OUELLET

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SOUTH
♦ A 4 3 2
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♣ K

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♦ 7 7
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 8 4
♠ 10 8 4 3

SOUTH
♦ Q 10 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K Q
♣ 9 7 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2* Pass
2+ Pass 3 NT Pass
4+ All pass

Opening Lead: Heart five

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♦ A 5 3 2
♥ 2
♦ 7 6 5
♣ K

South West North East
1+ Pass 2+ Pass
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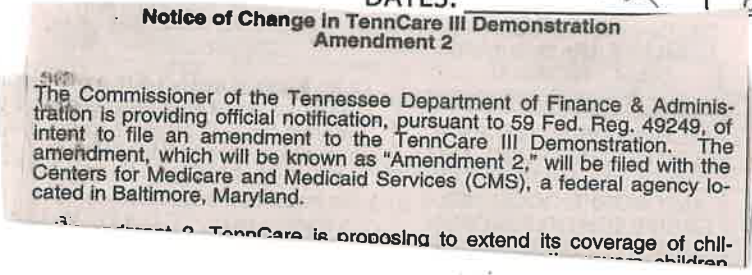
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NBA ROUNDUP

Duarte, Turner lead Pacers over Knicks

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Pacers 122, Knicks 102: Chris Duarte scored 23 points, Myles Turner had 22 and the Pacers beat the visting Knicks on Wednesday night.



Pacers guard Chris Duarte shoots the ball in the first half against the Knicks on Wednesday in Indianapolis.

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Cavaliers 115, Bulls 92: Darius Garland scored 24 points and rookie power forward Evan Mobley had 16 points and nine rebounds to lift Cleveland at home.

76ers 110, Hornets 106: Joel Embiid had 32 points, Seth Curry added 23 points and eight assists, and the visiting 76ers beat the Hornets for the second time in three nights.

Wizards 119, Pistons 116 (OT): Kyle Kuzma hit a 3 with 0.6 seconds left in overtime and the visiting Wizards handed the Pistons their 10th straight loss.

Thunder 110, Raptors 109: Mike Muscala made a go-ahead 3-pointer with nine seconds remaining, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 16 of his 26 points in the third quarter, and the visiting Thunder held on late to win their second straight game.

Heat 113, Bucks 104: Caleb Martin scored a career-high 28 points and the Miami Heat beat the Milwaukee Bucks 113-104 on Wednesday night.

Rockets 114, Nets 104: Eric Gordon scored 21 points before being ejected in the fourth quarter and Garrison Mathews added 19 as the Rockets extended their winning streak to seven games with a 114-104 win over the shorthanded Nets on Wednesday night.

Mavericks 104, Grizzlies 96: Luka Doncic scored 26 points and Kristaps Porzingis added 19 as Dallas used a fourth-quarter rally to end the Mavericks' three-game skid.

Nuggets 120, Pelicans 114 (OT): Nikola Jokic scored 11 of his season-high

39 points in overtime to go with his 11 assists and 11 rebounds, and the Nuggets pulled out a victory.

Jazz 136, Timberwolves 104: Donovan Mitchell scored 36 points and the sharp-shooting Utah Jazz beat the Timberwolves for their fifth straight win.

Kings 142, Magic 130: De'Aaron Fox scored 33 points, Tyrese Haliburton had a big fourth quarter and the Sacramento Kings won their season-best third straight game.

Warriors 104, Trail Blazers 94: Stephen Curry scored 22 points and moved within nine 3-pointers of tying Ray Allen's career record, and the Warriors held off the injury-depleted Trail Blazers.

Clippers 114, Celtics 113: Brandon Boston Jr. had career highs of 27 points and five 3-pointers, sparking the Los Angeles Clippers to a 114-111 victory over the Celtics on Wednesday night.

Predictions

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Alcoa may lose several players like quarterback Caden Buckles and Major Newman, but they've been the team to catch in Class 3A for nearly a decade.

The Tornadoes have won eight of the last nine Class 3A championships including the last seven and have gone 125-10 during that stretch.

Team to watch: East Nashville

Class 4A

Favorite: Greeneville

Greeneville loses Class 4A Mr. Football finalist Mason Grudger, but the Greene Devils are set to return several key members from a team that won its first 12 games by an average of 45.9 points.

Included in that group is quarterback Brady Quillen, receivers Adjatay Dabbs and Mason Laws and linebacker Amanuel Dickson.

Team to watch: Pearl-Cohn

Class 5A

Favorite: Powell

The Panthers lose a lot defensively, including five-star defensive tackle Walter Nolen, from their championship-winning team but return a loaded offense.

Returning players include quarterback Jordyn Potts and his top-two targets in four-star receiver Adarius Redmond, three-star receiver Ayden Greene

Team to watch: Green Hill

Class 6A

Favorite: Oakland

The Patriots lose several key pieces on both sides of the line like Georgia running back commitment Jordan James and Miami receiver commitment Isaiah Horton but seemingly are able to reload every season.

Running back Khalil James could fill a void and Eric Taylor - who was a standout defensive back in 2021 - should be on a short list to collect more carries in 2022.

Oakland has not lost a regular season game since 2018, they've recorded back-to-back undefeated seasons and have won three of the last four Class 6A championships.

Team to watch: Maryville

Division II-A

Favorite: USJ

The Bruins lose DII-A Mr. Football winner Steele Haynes but bring back plenty of talent including quarterback Berkeley Pettigrew, receiver Jayce Barksdale and the Bruins' leading tackler in linebacker Sam McMillin.

With DCA, Nashville Christian and several other DII-A teams suffering heavy roster turnover, the Bruins could be in a prime position to win their first state championship.

Team to watch: Nashville Christian

DII-AA

Favorite: Lipscomb Academy

Mustangs coach Trent Dilfer will need to find replacements for several key members of his championship team including Luther Richesson and DII-AA Mr. Football winner Alex Broome but Lipscomb Academy is now in a position where it can reload year-in and year-out.

Hank Brown or Braden Graham is the likely replacement at quarterback and has great weapons to work with as Junior Sherrill is set to return for his senior season as does Nate Spillman.

Team to watch: Davidson Academy

Division II-AAA

Favorite: McCallie

McCallie loses senior quarterback William Riddle as well as his top two targets in Xavier Gaillardetz and Kenzy Paul but return a plethora of talent including its top running backs in Tariq Price and Damian Scott.

The Blue Tornado have won the last three DII-AAA championships.

Team to watch: Ensworth

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line rebounds to the Cleveland at home.

76ers 110, Hornets 106: Joel Embiid had 32 points, Seth Curry added 23 points and eight assists, and the visiting 76ers beat the Hornets for the second time in three nights.

Wizards 119, Pistons 116 (OT): Kyle Kuzma hit a 3 with 0.6 seconds left in overtime and the visiting Wizards handed the Pistons their 10th straight loss. Kuzma scored 26 points and Bradley Beal added 25 for the Wizards.

Thunder 110, Raptors 109: Mike Muscala made a go-ahead 3-pointer with nine seconds remaining, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 16 of his 26 points in the third quarter, and the visiting Thunder held on late to win their second straight game.

Heat 113, Bucks 104: Caleb Martin scored a career-high 28 points and the Miami Heat beat the Milwaukee Bucks 113-104 on Wednesday night.

Rockets 114, Nets 104: Eric Gordon scored 21 points before being ejected in the fourth quarter and Garrison Mathews added 19 as the Rockets extended their winning streak to seven games with a 114-104 win over the shorthanded Nets on Wednesday night.

Mavericks 104, Grizzlies 96: Luka Donic scored 26 points and Kristaps Porzingis added 19 as Dallas used a fourth-quarter rally to end the Mavericks' three-game skid.

Nuggets 120, Pelicans 114 (OT): Nikola Jokic scored 11 of his season-high



Pacers guard Chris Duarte shoots the ball in the first half against the Knicks on Wednesday in Indianapolis.

TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI/USA TODAY SPORTS

39 points in overtime to go with his 11 assists and 11 rebounds, and the Nuggets pulled out a victory.

Jazz 136, Timberwolves 104: Donovan Mitchell scored 36 points and the sharp-shooting Utah Jazz beat the Timberwolves for their fifth straight win

Kings 142, Magic 130: De'Aaron Fox scored 33 points, Tyrese Haliburton had a big fourth quarter and the Sacramento Kings won their season-best third straight game.

Warriors 104, Trail Blazers 94: Stephen Curry scored 22 points and moved within nine 3-pointers of tying Ray Allen's career record, and the Warriors held off the injury-depleted Trail Blazers.

Clippers 114, Celtics 111: Brandon Boston Jr. had career highs of 27 points and five 3-pointers, sparking the Los Angeles Clippers to a 114-111 victory over the Celtics on Wednesday night.

first 12 games by an average of 45.9 points.

Included in that group is quarterback Brady Quillen, receivers Adjatay Dabbs and Mason Laws and linebacker Amanuel Dickson.

Team to watch: Pearl-Cohn

Class 5A

Favorite: Powell

The Panthers lose a lot defensively, including five-star defensive tackle Walter Nolen, from their championship-winning team but return a loaded offense.

Returning players include quarterback Jordyn Potts and his top-two targets in four-star receiver Adarius Redmond, three-star receiver Ayden Greene

Team to watch: Green Hill

Class 6A

Favorite: Oakland

The Patriots lose several key pieces on both sides of the like Georgia running back commitment Jordan James and Miami receiver commitment Isaiah Horton but seemingly are able to reload every season.

Running back Khalil James could fill a void and Eric Taylor — who was a standout defensive back in 2021 — should be on a short list to collect more carries in 2022.

DII-AA

Favorite: Lipscomb Academy

Mustangs coach Trent Dilfer will need to find replacements for several key members of his championship team including Luther Richesson and DII-AA Mr. Football winner Alex Broome but Lipscomb Academy is now in a position where it can reload year-in and year-out.

Hank Brown or Braden Graham is the likely replacement at quarterback and has great weapons to work with as Junior Sherrill is set to return for his senior season as does Nate Spillman.

Team to watch: Davidson Academy

Division II-AAA

Favorite: McCallie

McCallie loses senior quarterback William Riddle as well as his top two targets in Xavier Gaillardetz and Kenzy Paul but return a plethora of talent including its top running backs in Tario Price and Damian Scott.

The Blue Tornado have won the last three DII-AAA championships.

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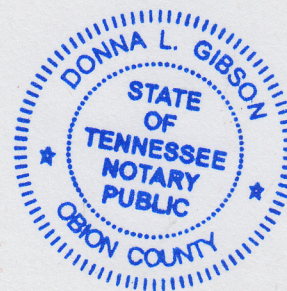
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Attachment B

Public Comments

Aaron C. Butler

From: Miller, Holly Elizabeth [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:00 AM
To: PUBLIC NOTICE TENNCARE
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Amendment 2 public comment - I SUPPORT

I support proposed Amendment 2, which would extend TennCare coverage to children adopted from state custody. It is important to remove as many barriers to adoption as possible so that foster children can find love and safety in their forever homes. As a pediatric primary care nurse practitioner, I know the importance of a medical home, and this Amendment would provide children in an unstable environment with a more stability via allowing for continuity of care for these children as they transition from foster care to permanent homes.

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From: Bahrami, Laleh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 8:26 AM
To: PUBLICE NOTICE TENNCARE
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comment

Please approve Amendment 2. By extending TennCare coverage to this group of children, a potential barrier to adoption will be removed. Further, there will be greater continuity of care for these children as they transition from foster care to permanent homes.

Laleh Bahrami, MD