



May 4, 2022

Ms. April Wiley  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services  
Mail Stop: S2-25-26  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

RE: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Demonstration Amendment – HCBS

Dear Ms. Wiley,

We greatly appreciate CMS' review and approval of Tennessee's application for an emergency amendment to the TennCare demonstration to modify the demonstration's waiver and expenditure authorities related to the CHOICES and Employment and Community First CHOICES programs. These modifications will help ensure TennCare's ability to adequately support individuals receiving HCBS during the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as allow the state to implement its approved plan to enhance, expand, and strengthen HCBS under Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

We have reviewed the approval letter and the revised waiver authorities, expenditure authorities, and STCs transmitted to the state on April 26, 2022, and we accept the new authorities communicated therein. We look forward to continuing to work with CMS as we strengthen supports for HCBS recipients in Tennessee.

If you need additional information about this demonstration, please contact Aaron Butler at (615) 507-6448.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Stephen Smith.

Stephen Smith  
Director

cc: Tandra Hodges, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group, CMCS Atlanta  
Lorraine Nawara, State Demonstrations Group, CMCS Baltimore