

Rulemaking Hearing Rules
of
Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration

Bureau of TennCare

Chapter 1200-13-14
TennCare Standard

Amendments

Rule 1200-13-14-.05 Enrollee Cost Sharing is amended by adding a new paragraph (1) to replace the current public necessity paragraph (1) which shall read as follows:

- (1) Persons who are enrolled in TennCare Standard have premium obligations corresponding to their family size and income. No new premiums will be charged for periods of time from December 1, 2007, forward, notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary. The premium schedule in effect prior to December 1, 2007, is shown below:

Percentage of Poverty	0% - 99%	100% - 149%	150% - 199%	200% - 249%	250% -299%
Monthly Premium (Individual)	\$0	\$20	\$35	\$100	\$150
Monthly Premium (Family of 2 or more)	\$0	\$40	\$70	\$250	\$375

Percentage of Poverty	300% - 349%	350% - 399%	400% - 499%	500% - 599%	600% and over
Monthly Premium (Individual)	\$200	\$250	\$350	\$450	\$550
Monthly Premium (Family of 2 or more)	\$500	\$625	\$875	\$1,125	\$1,375

Rule 1200-13-14-.05 Enrollee Cost Sharing is amended by adding a new paragraph (2) to replace the current public necessity paragraph (2) which shall read as follows:

- (2) Premium Requirements.
- (a) No persons enrolled in TennCare Standard will have premium obligations for periods of time from December 1, 2007, forward. Enrollees who had premium obligations prior to December 1, 2007, and who have not made all required premium payments are not relieved of the responsibility for making these past due payments to TennCare.
- (b) At such time as (1) the enrollee has received at least two premium statements advising him of his arrearage AND (2) he is 60 days in arrears on his premium payments, coverage may be terminated for non-payment of premiums.

1. Enrollees who are in arrears two months in premium payments will be sent a notice of delinquency (a "demand letter"). The notice will identify the specific payments, including month and amount, that are past due. The demand letter will serve as notice to the individual that he will be terminated from TennCare Standard unless he pays the amount due within 30 days. The enrollee has the right to appeal that he is in fact current with his payments or that the premium amounts being charged are not the premium amounts he has been assigned.
2. If at least partial payment is received by the Bureau of TennCare within 30 days after the date of the demand letter, the enrollee will no longer be 60 days in arrears, and coverage will continue without interruption. "Partial payment" will be payment sufficient to make the enrollee no longer 60 days in arrears. However, remaining past due amounts will continue to accrue. If the enrollee is again 60 days in arrears when the next cycle of demand letters is processed, the enrollee will again receive a demand letter and may subsequently be terminated in accordance with these rules.
3. If an enrollee files an appeal in response to his demand letter by the 30th day following the date of the notice, coverage will not be terminated on the 30th day, pending resolution of the appeal. The premium appeal will be processed by DHS in accordance with its rules at 1240-5.
4. If the enrollee does not pay at least a partial payment or file an appeal by the 30th day following the demand letter, his TennCare Standard coverage will be terminated. A termination notice will be sent with due process appeal rights. The date of termination is the date of the termination notice. An enrollee may appeal his notice of termination, but he is not entitled to continuation of benefits during the appeal. If the appeal is decided in his favor, he will be reinstated retroactively to the date of termination.

Statutory Authority: T.C.A. 4-5-202, 71-5-105, 71-5-109, Executive Order No. 23.

The rulemaking hearing rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 14th day of February, 2008 and will become effective on the 29th day of April, 2008. (FS 02-08-08; DBID 2826)