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Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1240-01-56	Pilot Projects - Families First Program
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1240-01-56-.01	Pathways to Prosperity Pilot Program

Chapter 1240-01-56  
Pilot Projects - Families First Program

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1240-01-56-.01 Pathways to Prosperity Pilot Program.

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- (2) Definitions.
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  - (b) "Enhanced support services" includes services such as vehicle repair, dental services, and optical services.
- (3) In addition to the Families First temporary assistance eligibility requirements of T.C.A. § 71-3-104(a)(1) to participate in this pilot program:
  - (a) An individual must be actively participating in the Families First work requirement; and
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- (4) A family may elect that all enhanced temporary assistance for which the family qualifies under this pilot program be provided as enhanced support services, rather than enhanced cash assistance.

Authority: TCA §§4-5-201 et seq., 71-1-105, and 71-3-104(a)(2).

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

Date: March 28, 2023

Signature: Charles Bryson

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