Emergency Rule Filing Form

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Rule Type:
X Emergency Rule

Revision Type (check all that apply):
X Amendments
New
Repeal

Statement of Necessity:
Pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-208, the Bureau of TennCare is authorized to adopt emergency rules in the event that the agency is required by enactment of the general assembly to implement rules within a prescribed period of time that precludes utilization of rulemaking procedures for promulgation of permanent rules.

The Appropriations Act, Public Chapter 473, effective July 1, 2011, requires the Bureau of TennCare to provide coverage for smoking cessation products for adult enrollees. Previously, smoking cessation was only covered for children and pregnant women. Further, the Appropriations Act specifically authorizes the promulgation of emergency rules when necessary to fiscally function within the appropriations provided for the TennCare program.

I have made the finding that the attached amendments are required by the above-referenced enactment of the general assembly and the timely implementation of these amendments as mandated precludes promulgation through ordinary rulemaking procedures.

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I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of an emergency rule(s), lawfully promulgated and adopted.

Date: 6/7/2011
Signature: 

Name of Officer: Darin J. Gordon
Title of Officer: Director, Bureau of TennCare
Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: 6/27/11
Notary Public Signature: Cheryl D. Kline
My commission expires on: 9/30/2012

All emergency rules provided for herein have been examined by the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee and are approved as to legality pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

Robert E. Cooper, Jr.
Attorney General and Reporter
6-30-11

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Tre Hargett
Secretary of State
Impact on Local Governments

Pursuant to T.C.A. 4-5-220 and 4-5-228 "any rule proposed to be promulgated shall state in a simple declarative sentence, without additional comments on the merits of the policy of the rules or regulation, whether the rule or regulation may have a projected impact on local governments." (See Public Chapter Number 1070 (http://state.tn.us/sos/acts/106/pub/pc1070.pdf) of the 2010 Session of the General Assembly)

There is no projected impact on local governments.
Additional Information Required by Joint Government Operations Committee

All agencies, upon filing a rule, must also submit the following pursuant to TCA 4-5-226(i)(1):

(A) A brief summary of the rule and a description of all relevant changes in previous regulations effectuated by such rule;

The Rules are being promulgated because effective July 1, 2011, TennCare is covering smoking cessation products for adult enrollees.

(B) A citation to and brief description of any federal law or regulation or any state law or regulation mandating promulgation of such rule or establishing guidelines relevant thereto;

The Rules are lawfully adopted by the Bureau of TennCare in accordance with T.C.A. §§ 4-5-208, 71-5-105 and 71-5-109.

(C) Identification of persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities most directly affected by this rule, and whether those persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities urge adoption or rejection of this rule;

The persons and entities most directly affected by these Rules are TennCare enrollees, providers and the managed care contractors. The governmental entity most directly affected by these Rules is the Bureau of TennCare, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration.

(D) Identification of any opinions of the attorney general and reporter or any judicial ruling that directly relates to the rule;

These Rules were approved by the Tennessee Attorney General. No additional opinion was given or requested.

(E) An estimate of the probable increase or decrease in state and local government revenues and expenditures, if any, resulting from the promulgation of this rule, and assumptions and reasoning upon which the estimate is based. An agency shall not state that the fiscal impact is minimal if the fiscal impact is more than two percent (2%) of the agency's annual budget or five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), whichever is less;

The promulgation of the TennCare Medicaid and TennCare Standard Rules is projected to increase state annual expenditures by $3,500,000.

(F) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives, possessing substantial knowledge and understanding of the rule;

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(G) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees;

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Any additional information relevant to the rule proposed for continuation that the committee requests.

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(c) Pharmacy

TennCare is permitted under the terms and conditions of the demonstration project approved by the federal government to restrict coverage of prescription and non-prescription drugs to a TennCare-approved list of drugs known as a drug formulary. TennCare must make this list of covered drugs available to the public. Through the use of a formulary, the following drugs or classes of drugs, or their medical uses, shall be excluded from coverage or otherwise restricted by TennCare as described in Section 1927 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. §1396r-8]:

1. Agents for weight loss or weight gain.
2. Agents to promote fertility or for the treatment of impotence or infertility or for the reversal of sterilization.
3. Agents for cosmetic purposes or hair growth.
4. Agents for symptomatic relief of coughs and colds.
5. Agents to promote smoking cessation, except such agents shall be covered for pregnant women in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 1396d.

6-5. Agents which are benzodiazepines or barbiturates.

7-6. Prescription vitamins and mineral products, except prenatal vitamins and fluoride preparations.

8-7. Nonprescription drugs.

9-8. Covered outpatient drugs, which the manufacturer seeks to require as a condition of sale that associated tests or monitoring services be purchased exclusively from the manufacturer or his designee.

TennCare shall not cover drugs considered by the FDA to be Less Than Effective (LTE) and DESI drugs, or drugs considered to be Identical, Related and Similar (IRS) to DESI and LTE drugs or any other pharmacy services for which federal financial participation (FFP) is not available. The exclusion of drugs for which no FFP is available extends to all TennCare enrollees regardless of the enrollee’s age. TennCare shall not cover experimental or investigational drugs which have not received final approval from the FDA.


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(3) Specific exclusions. The following services, products, and supplies are specifically excluded from coverage under the TennCare Section 1115 waiver program unless excepted by paragraph (2) herein. Some of these services may be covered under the CHOICES program or outside TennCare under a Section 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services waiver when provided as part of an approved plan of care, in accordance with the appropriate TennCare Home and Community Based Services rule.

(a) Services, products, and supplies that are specifically excluded from coverage except as medically necessary for children under the age of 21

20. Certain pharmacy items as follows:

(i) Agents when used for anorexia or weight loss

(ii) Agents when used to promote fertility

(iii) Agents when used for cosmetic purposes or hair growth

(iv) Agents when used for the symptomatic relief of cough and colds

(v) Agents when used to promote smoking cessation, except such agents shall be covered for pregnant women in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §1396d

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(b) A pharmacist shall dispense a seventy-two (72) hour interim supply of the prescribed drug, as mandated by the preceding paragraph, provided that:

2. The medication is not a drug in one of the non-covered TennCare therapeutic categories that include:

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