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## Tennessee Medicaid Block Grant Waiver Amendment Released

*Draft of Amendment 42 released for 30-day public comment period.*

Nashville – The Tennessee Medicaid Block Grant draft waiver amendment was released today for public comment. Tennessee is the first state in the nation to propose this type of innovative, alternative financing arrangement to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Tennessee is volunteering to be the leader in reforming the financial incentives in Medicaid to show that it is not only possible but desirable to ensure that states are relentlessly driving quality in care, efficiency in program administration, innovation in serving enrollees, and sustainability in how the state serves some of its most vulnerable residents. This proposal represents a natural progression of the state's history of nationally recognized innovation and financial management. It also ensures that TennCare members continue to receive high-quality, cost-effective care well into the future.

The 30-day public comment period will end on October 18, 2019. During this time, TennCare will hold public meetings in the three grand divisions. To review the draft block grant waiver amendment language or to find more information on how to submit comments or to find the locations of the public meetings please visit <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/policy-guidelines/waiver-and-state-plan-public-notices.html>.

You can also find supporting resources including a list of frequently asked questions, an overview of the proposal and an executive summary online at <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/policy-guidelines/waiver-and-state-plan-public-notices.html>.

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