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Court Extends Temporary Restraining Order Protecting CSS Families While Case Continues

Nashville, TN, July 2, 2026 – The Davidson County Chancery Court has extended the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) in [*Snader v. Tennessee Department of Health*](#), the lawsuit challenging Tennessee's plan to share the personal information of certain Children's Special Services (CSS) participants with immigration authorities.

The extension means the protections currently in place for CSS families will remain while the parties work to reach an agreement on a Temporary Injunction. As a result, the previously scheduled hearing has been postponed and has not yet been rescheduled. The Temporary Restraining Order will remain in effect until the court either approves an agreement between the parties or reschedules the Preliminary Injunction Hearing.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of families whose children rely on the Tennessee Department of Health's Children's Special Services program, which provides essential services for children with severe disabilities and chronic medical conditions. In court filings, the physicians warn that the specialized care their patients require would be unavailable without CSS and that even brief interruptions in treatment could cause serious harm or, in some cases, prove fatal.

"We're encouraged that the Temporary Restraining Order will remain in effect while this case continues," said Michele Johnson, Executive Director of the Tennessee Justice Center. "Every day these protections remain in place is another day families can focus on caring for their children instead of worrying that seeking essential medical services could put them at

risk. Our focus remains on protecting access to essential healthcare services for children with serious medical needs."

The Tennessee Justice Center will continue to provide updates as the case progresses.

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