

TENNCARE LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

- **Welcome!!**
- **Webinar will start at 11:00AM CDT**
- Webinar will be 1 hour
- Ask questions using Q&A box
- Recording and Slides will be distributed to registrants.
- **Future Events:** <https://www.tnjustice.org/events>
 - May: In depth trainings on CHOICES
 - September: In depth training on ECF CHOICES
 - November: In depth training on Katie Beckett





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LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AND TENNCARE MARCH 21, 2024



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AGENDA



Tennessee Justice Center

TennCare 101

Long Term Services and Support Programs

How to Apply

Loss of Enrollment & Adverse Actions

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DIRECT SERVICES

- Individual client representation
- Promote enrollment on healthcare and nutrition programs



ABOUT THE TENNESSEE JUSTICE CENTER



IMPACT WORK

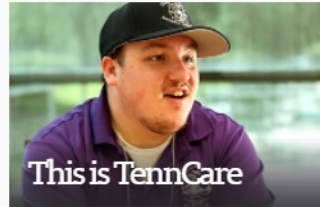
- Class action litigation to correct systemic issues
- Advocate for legislative/administrative changes on state and federal level
 - Paying Family Caregivers Campaign
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 - Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) for SNAP
 - For more information contact Signe Anderson, sanderson@tnjustice.org



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Members / Applicants



This is TennCare



TennCare Kids



TennCare's Opioid Strategy



Long-Term Services & Supports

<https://www.tn.gov/tenncare.html>

TENNCARE 101

ELIGIBILITY

- Depends on your eligibility “group.” All have an income test. Some have a resource test. Some have a medical needs test.
- Some groups TennCare covers:
 - Children under 21
 - Women who are pregnant
 - Parents/Caretakers of Minor Children
 - Individuals with breast or cervical cancer
 - People who get SSI or some people who used to get SSI
 - Gets or is eligible for long term care services that TennCare pays for

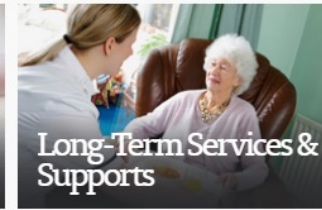
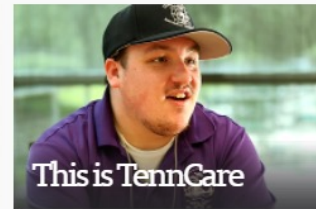
WHAT DOES IT COVER?

- Depends on the program.
- For “dual eligibles,” which means folks who have TennCare and Medicare you can also get certain benefits like D-SNP which includes assistance with out of pocket expenses and a food allowance based on the MCO you select.
- For some covered services you can, visit:
<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/benefitpackages.pdf>



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LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

WHAT IS TENNCARE LONG TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS (LTSS)?

- Administered by the Long-Term Services & Supports (LTSS), Division of TennCare (formerly the Long-Term Care Division)
- You can get LTSS through various TennCare programs/waivers
- Provides medical/personal care and supportive services for individuals who need help with activities of daily living (ADLs)
 - ADLs are things like bathing, dressing, personal hygiene and grooming, eating, toileting, transfers and mobility
- Supports can also be provided for instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs)
 - IADLs are things like household chores, meal planning, shopping, preparing and storing food, and personal finances.

WHAT ARE SOME CURRENT TENNCARE LTSS PROGRAMS?



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CHOICES

Employment and Community First
(ECF) CHOICES

1915(c) HCBS Waivers (DIDD
Waivers)

Katie Beckett Waiver

WHO IS EACH PROGRAM FOR?

- **CHOICES**

- Individuals who are seniors (65+) or adults (21+) with a physical disability who demonstrate need through a pre-admission evaluation (PAE)

- **ECF CHOICES**

- Individual who have an intellectual or developmental disability.

- **DIDD Waiver**

- Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would qualify for placement in an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ICF/IDD)

- **Katie Beckett Waiver**

- Children under the age of 18 with significant disabilities or complex medical needs.



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THREE DIDD WAIVERS/ 1915(C) WAIVERS



**Comprehensive
Aggregate Cap
(CAC) Waiver**



**Self
Determination**



**Statewide
Waiver**



THREE KATIE BECKETT GROUPS



Part A



Part B



Part C



KATIE BECKETT GROUP A



- Part A is for children who qualify for care in a medical institution- like a hospital, nursing home, but the family wants to care for their child at home instead.
- Part A serves children with the most significant disabilities or complex medical needs.
- Children receive full Medicaid benefits and up to \$15,000 a year in home and community

KATIE BECKETT GROUP B



- Katie Beckett Program Part B
- Part B is for children with disabilities or complex medical needs who are considered “at risk” of going into a facility unless they can get services.
- Children in Part B are not enrolled in Medicaid.
- They receive up to \$10,000 a year in services.
- Other benefits include premium assistance, a health-care savings type account, reimbursement for services that will benefit the child but can’t be covered under a health-care savings account, self-directed respite and supportive home care services, or an array of services from a community-based provider.

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KATIE BECKETT GROUP C



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- Katie Beckett Program Part C
- Continued Eligibility (or “Part C” for short) is for children who have Medicaid now, but their Medicaid is ending because their parents’ income or resources increased.
- Part C may allow the child to keep Medicaid if they would qualify to enroll in Part A, but there isn’t a slot open for the child right now. (We tell you more about “slots” below.) If a child enrolls in Part C and then gets a Part A slot, they must move to Part A. They can’t stay in Part C anymore.



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DEEPER DIVE INTO CHOICES



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THREE CHOICES CATEGORIES



CHOICES Group 1
Nursing Home Care



CHOICES Group 2
HCBS



CHOICES Group 3
Limited HCBS



FIVE ECF CHOICES CATEGORIES



ECF Group 4



ECF Group 5



ECF Group 6



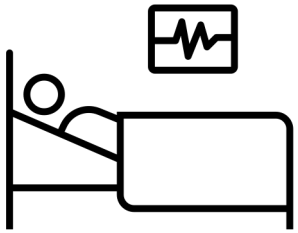
ECF Group 7



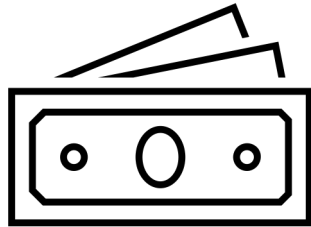
ECF Group 8



ELIGIBILITY FOR EACH GROUP



Medical Part (PAE)



Financial Part

WHO CAN DO YOUR PAE?

- Your local Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD)
- Your MCO if you are already on TennCare (Wellpoint, BlueCare or UnitedHealthcare)
- Some staff in a hospital or facility

AAAD Map



<https://www.tn.gov/aging/resource-directory/resource-maps.html>

ENROLLMENT PROCESS



Step One: PAE test

If you are on TennCare, reach out to your MCO for a referral

If you are not on TennCare, reach out to the Area Agency on Aging and Disability



Step Two: Complete a PAE (Pre-Admission Evaluation)

Tips: give as many details as you can
have someone there with you

ask for a safety determination (should be automatic with a score of 5 or higher)



ENROLLMENT PROCESS CONT.

**Step Three: make sure a
TennCare Application was
submitted.**



**Step Four: Regularly review
your TennCare Connect
Account for requests for
additional information. You
can expect that TennCare will
ask for financial records to show
that you meet requirements for
income and resources.**



QUALIFIED INCOME TRUST (QIT)

This is the legal document that helps the applicant get around the income limit requirement if it is higher than the limit

Beneficiary = applicant

Trustee = a trusted legal representative

Requires separate bank account



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SIGN IN

Welcome to TennCare Connect!

The easiest way to access TennCare, CoverKids, and Medicare Savings Programs

TennCare Connect is an online tool for Tennesseans to apply for TennCare, Coverkids, and Medicare Savings Programs! After you're approved, you can also use TennCare Connect to manage your coverage. Click on the Get Started button to begin.



<https://tenncareconnect.tn.gov/>

HOW TO APPLY



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ADVERSE ACTIONS

1

File an appeal with TennCare within 30 days of application or service denial or termination

2

If it is concerning a PAE there will be an internal review of the original PAE by TennCare LTSS

3

They may ask for additional documentation

4

If is concerning the PAE they will send the information to a TennCare Contractor – Ascend

5

TennCare will review the results of the final assessment

6

If they still disagree it will go to a hearing

SEND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

FILE AN APPEAL

QUESTIONS?

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