

To: TennCare Episodes Providers and Other Stakeholders

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Subject: Waiving Episodes of Care Risk-Sharing Payments for 2021 and Reinstating Risk-Sharing Payments for 2022

Thank you for your continued dedication to provide quality care to TennCare members during the COVID-19 pandemic. This memo outlines two important announcements about the Episodes of Care program.

MCOs will waive risk-sharing payments for the 2021 performance year.

In order to continue supporting providers during this difficult time, the three TennCare Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will waive all episodes of care risk-sharing payments in the final reports for the 2021 performance period. What this means is that if a provider owes a final episode risk-sharing payment to an MCO based on their final 2021 episodes results, then the provider will not have to make that payment.

Final 2021 performance reports will be released to the MCO portals on August 18, 2022. Providers who have gain-sharing payments in their final 2021 performance report will receive those payments as planned, with no changes. Providers who have no change in payment as a result of their episodes will also not be impacted.

MCOs will reinstate risk-sharing payments for the 2022 performance year.

Episodes of Care risk-sharing payments will resume for the 2022 performance year, in order to continue incentivizing high-quality, cost-effective care in the Episodes of Care program.

The 2022 performance year begins on January 1, 2022. Final 2022 performance reports will be released to the MCO portals in August 2023. As always, we continue to welcome input from stakeholders regarding potential adjustments to episodes design.

Again, we are grateful for your continued partnership and thank you for the care you are offering to our members. You can find more information on TennCare's response during this emergency period by visiting <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/information-statistics/tenncare-information-about-coronavirus.html>.
