



Enhanced Respiratory Care Program

The Enhanced Respiratory Care Program (ERC) incentivizes nursing facilities across Tennessee to support members to become partially or fully liberated from ventilators and tracheotomies, resulting in improved quality of life for members receiving these services.

What we monitor:

- Ventilator Wean Rates
- Days from admission to ventilator weaning
- Decannulation Rates
- Unplanned hospitalizations
- Unexpected Deaths
- Infection Rate (Respiratory only)
- Utilization of the latest and most advanced technology, such as mobile monitoring devices, non-invasive ventilation, high flow molecular humidification and others

Program Services:

+ IMPROVES MEMBERS QUALITY OF LIFE

The ERC program helps ensure that members who are ventilator dependent or require advanced respiratory interventions receive the highest standard of care available.

+ NURSING FACILITY COST SAVINGS

The Enhanced Respiratory Care Program provides facilities with an add-on incentive payment based on the facility's quality measures. The ERC program has demonstrated more than a 25% decrease in cost over the baseline year.

+ TECHNOLOGY AND DECANNULATION

A portion of the facility quality incentive payment is calculated based on a facility using advanced technology interventions to improve member independence and recovery. Weaning from a ventilator and the removal of a tracheotomy tube (decannulation) are the most impactful quality measures that are monitored.

Questions? Call 1-877-224-0219

Learn more:

[TN.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/systems-transformation](https://tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/systems-transformation) or ERC.LTSS@tn.gov

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