

## Treating Provider's Certificate: Expedited TennCare Appeal

A typical appeal for a medical service is decided in up to ninety (90) days. However, an expedited appeal, because of a patient's health, must be decided within one week (or up to three weeks if the health plan is given additional time to obtain and review a patient's medical records). An appeal will only be expedited if waiting up to ninety (90) days for a decision, "could seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life, physical health, or mental health or their ability to attain, regain, or maintain full function."

To request an expedited appeal for your patient:

1. Read the statement below. If you agree, indicate your certification and sign and date in the spaces provided.

I certify that I am the treating clinician of the patient named below, and that ***the acute presentation of this medical condition is of sufficient severity that waiting up to ninety (90) days for a decision on an appeal could seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life, physical health, or mental health or their ability to attain, regain, or maintain full function.***

Provider's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Identify the desired service. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Identify the patient.

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(Name) (SS#) or (date of birth)

4. At your discretion, please attach a narrative and/or medical records that support this request.
5. **Please attach** a copy of your office's **letterhead** so that TennCare has your contact information.
6. Fax this completed form and any accompanying documentation to the **Division of TennCare** at **888-345-5575**. (NOTICE: If your patient has already requested this expedited appeal from TennCare, please submit this certificate and documentation as soon as possible.)

