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TENNCARE APPOINTS MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS METHODIST HEALTHCARE'S JOHNSON NAMED CHAIRPERSON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — TennCare's Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) members have been appointed for 2006. Cato Johnson, Senior Vice President for Methodist Healthcare in Memphis, Tennessee has agreed to serve as chairperson. Methodist Healthcare operates the largest hospital provider of TennCare enrollee services in the state.

TennCare relies on the MCAC to provide advice to the Bureau regarding the planning, implementation and evaluation of program operation fulfilling a federal government advisory body requirement.

"We have a strong group of professionals familiar with the needs of low-income populations well positioned to provide constructive insight into enrollee medical care needs for our state's TennCare program," said Cato Johnson, MCAC Chairperson and Senior Vice President for Methodist Healthcare in Memphis, Tenn. "Additionally, these practitioners and enrollee advocates will be able to provide a meaningful link between the TennCare Bureau and the groups they represent."

The advisory committee members serve staggered three-year terms and consist of physicians and other health care providers, representatives of consumers' groups and key state officials. Current members include:

Iris Snider, M.D., Pediatrician
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