



TENNCARE POLICY MANUAL

Policy No: CON 09-002	
Subject: Use of Official TennCare Addresses	
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the use of enrollee addresses provided by TennCare versus the use of enrollee addresses that may be obtained by the Managed Care Contractors (MCCs).

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Bureau of TennCare that the MCCs shall mail **all required enrollee notices** to the enrollee's mailing address as provided by TennCare. "Required notices" are items that the MCC is required to send to each enrollee, according to its contract with TennCare.

The following are examples of **required notices**:

- Member identification cards
- Member handbooks
- *Grier* notices
- Notices about changes in benefits
- Notices related to eligibility
- Quarterly newsletters
- Provider directories
- EPSDT reminder letters issued before a screening is due

All other enrollee correspondence is “optional” and may be sent to the most current address on file at the MCC. This correspondence includes such things as brochures, event notices, information on incentive programs, and mailings related to Disease Management. Optional correspondence may be sent to addresses other than the enrollee’s official address.

While MCOs must send **required notices** to the enrollee’s official address, they may also send copies of these materials to other addresses they have for the enrollee, as long as at least one copy goes to the enrollee’s official address. The one exception to this provision is ID cards. ID cards may **only** be sent to the enrollee’s official address.

DISCUSSION:

The “official” TennCare address for an enrollee is one of the following:

- The address maintained by the Social Security Administration, if the enrollee is an SSI eligible; or
- The address maintained by DHS, if the enrollee is not an SSI eligible.

An enrollee who is not SSI eligible provides the Department of Human Services (DHS) with his address at the time he applies for TennCare and at the time his eligibility is redetermined.

An enrollee other than an SSI enrollee is required to notify DHS when his address changes. TennCare applications include the following statement above the applicant’s signature line: “I understand I must report any changes about our living situation within 10 days.” The member handbooks sent to enrollees by the MCCs must include notice to the enrollee that it is the member’s responsibility to notify the MCC and TennCare “each and every time the member moves to a new address.”

An enrollee who is SSI eligible furnishes his address to the Social Security Administration, which sends it to TennCare as part of the individual’s enrollment file. An SSI eligible should notify the Social Security Administration when his address changes.

The official enrollee address provided to DHS is maintained on the TennCare system, along with other addresses provided directly to TennCare and the MCC.

MCCs may have access to more recent addresses, if the enrollee has moved since he applied for TennCare or has had his eligibility redetermined and has not reported his new address to TennCare. Sometimes providers report this information to the MCC as part of the process of filing a claim. While this information is useful for certain purposes, it is not the “official” TennCare address until it is reported to DHS by the enrollee. MCCs should encourage an enrollee to report his current address to the DHS Family Assistance Center by calling 1-866-311-4287.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

TennCare Office of Networks

TennCare Office of Member Services

MCC CONTRACT REFERENCES:

MCC Contract Section 2.4.10

MCC Contract Section 2.7.1.1

MCC Contract Section 2.7.3

MCC Contract Section 2.7.5

MCC Contract Section 2.17.3

MCC Contract, Section 2.17.4

MCC Contract, Section 2.17.5

MCC Contract, Section 2.17.6

MCC Contract, Section 2.17.7

MCC Contract, Section 2.23.5.3

OTHER REFERENCES:

TennCare Rule 1200-13-13-.01(2)(a) *Delineation of TennCare enrollee's responsibilities*

TennCare Rule 1200-13-13-.11(1) *Grier Notice Requirements*

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Chapter 7, General Administrative Procedures, Department of Human Services TennCare Medicaid and TennCare Standard Policy Manual (6/2008)

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