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TO: TennCare Managed Care Organizations

FROM: Keith Gaither, Director Managed Care Operations

DATE: August 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Reinstatement of Covid-19 Post-Acute Placement Flexibility

At the request of the Tennessee Hospital Association, the Division of TennCare has agreed to reinstate the following administrative accommodation due to increased COVID-19 admissions. This accommodation is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice. Please advise relevant providers in your network of this change.

Post-Acute Care Services – Utilization Management

TennCare MCOs should not require authorization reviews before patients can be moved from the acute care setting to the appropriate post-acute care setting. TennCare MCOs will also support rapid placement and discharge of currently hospitalized patients who can be safely discharged to another setting.