

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the "Training Today Newsletter" is to provide assistance and support for TPAES users submitting PAE applications. We also use this notification to communicate upcoming LTSS initiatives and to describe how those may affect your daily practices. Please forward to staff in your company that complete or submit TennCare (Medicaid) PAEs/PASRRs. This contains vital information for all TPAES users.

### Attention! Attention!

Ascend, a Maximus Company, has been awarded the PASRR Contract with the State of Tennessee. For now, nothing is changing. Soon though, Ascend will be responsible for processing PASRR Level I Screenings while continuing their Level II assessment duties.

In the past you have worked with Ascend in a variety of functions including the Level II assessments and we are excited to continue this partnership. Ascend will be training providers on specific job related functions in the coming months. Be on the lookout for additional information and training opportunities from Ascend.

### Enhanced Respiratory Care

To ensure higher quality of care and improved patient outcomes, TennCare has made adjustments to medical eligibility requirements for Chronic Ventilator Care and Secretion Management Tracheal Suctioning and has adjusted the reimbursement structure for Enhanced Respiratory Care services effective July 1, 2016. Existing authorizations were continued through July 31, 2016.

Enhanced Respiratory Care services include Chronic Ventilator Care, Ventilator Weaning, Sub-Acute Tracheal Suctioning and Secretion Management Tracheal Suctioning. NFs currently providing these services will be required to meet the revised criteria for enhanced respiratory care reimbursement to continue. This information has been distributed to the NFs that are contracted with MCOs for enhanced reimbursement of these services. The rule changes can be found at: [http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules\\_filings/07-09-16.pdf](http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules_filings/07-09-16.pdf).

### Training Resources

**All Inclusive Online Training:**  
<http://stateoftennessee.adobeconnect.com/choicesallonlinetraining/>

**PAE Manual:** <https://tn.gov/assets/entities/tenncare/attachments/PAEManual.pdf>

### PAE Form Update

The paper PAE Form has recently been updated to include Employment and Community First CHOICES options. Remember, the paper PAE form can not be used for PAE submission, but may serve as a helpful tool. The updated form can be found on the LTSS website here: <https://tn.gov/assets/entities/tenncare/attachments/PAEFormActive.pdf>

### PAE Tips

Be sure to read any Enrollment comments in the *Authorization to Enroll in CHOICES* section regarding the status of your PAE. These comments will help answer Enrollment questions you may have.

### MOPD Tips

Do NOT enter the MOPD until you are sure of the exact date you need Medicaid reimbursement for NF services to begin. Please make note that the MOPD is not a speculated date, it is a known date. The MOPD is used by TennCare to determine the CHOICES enrollment effective date. A person cannot be enrolled into CHOICES Group 1 without an MOPD.

### Designee Information

When filling out the designee information on a PAE or PASRR be sure to complete this section in its entirety with a valid mailing address if the applicant has a designee. If the applicant does not have a designee, be sure to click the *Designee Not Provided* box.