



# TENNCARE POLICY MANUAL

<b>Policy No:</b> PI 13-001	
<b>Subject:</b> Provider Terminations for Inactivity	
<b>Approval:</b> <i>D. J. Harvey</i>	<b>Date:</b> 5-9-13

## **POLICY AND PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to address potential TennCare fraud and abuse issues by terminating the provider numbers of providers who have not billed for any services furnished to TennCare enrollees for a period of 12 consecutive months.

T.C.A. § 71-5-118(a) allows the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to terminate or suspend existing contracts with providers "when the Commissioner finds that such actions will further the purpose of this section." Deactivating unused provider numbers is an important tool for preventing provider fraud, and therefore is consistent with this law.

Any provider who is terminated solely for inactivity will be allowed to re-register for TennCare if he wishes to re-start his participation in the program. Providers seeking to re-register for TennCare will be treated like providers newly registering for TennCare. They must be determined to meet the definition of "Approved Provider" in Tennessee Rule 1200-13-18-.02.

## **OFFICES OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:**

Office of Program Integrity  
Office of Provider Services  
Office of General Counsel

## **REFERENCES:**

T.C.A. 71-5-118(a)  
Tennessee Rules 1200-13-13-.08, 1200-13-14-.08, and 1200-13-18.