

Provider Update

Consent Form Requirement for Sterilization Services

Reminder: All claims for sterilization services must include approved, signed and completed consent forms in accordance with Section 2.7.8 of our Contractor Risk Agreement.

What this means to you: Amerigroup Community Care will deny claims for these procedures without an approved TennCare consent form. Please remind your claims or billing staff of this requirement.

What is the impact of this requirement?

Only use the forms approved by TennCare to be reimbursed for sterilization services. Use of nonapproved forms will result in claims denials.

What form should I use?

There are currently two TennCare-approved Consent for Sterilization forms — one federal form with an expiration date of December 31, 2012, and another with an expiration date of October 31, 2015.

Beginning July 1, 2013, Amerigroup and TennCare will only accept the Consent for Sterilization forms with the 2015 expiration date. Claims with consent forms that show any other expiration date will be denied.

What other forms are required?

Every time you submit a claim for these services and related procedures, you must include one of the following consent forms for reimbursement. The form must be filled out correctly and in its entirety:

- Abortion Certification of Medical Necessity
- Approved Consent for Sterilization
- Hysterectomy Acknowledgment

How can I find more information?

Printable forms and instructions to complete the forms are on the Bureau of [TennCare website](#).

You can also reference your Amerigroup provider manual for more information about the state claims submission requirements on this website.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services toll free at 1-800-454-3730.

