

Provider Update

Abortion, Sterilization and Hysterectomy (ASH) Services

Summary of change:

TennCare's approved abortion, sterilization and hysterectomy forms have been revised:

- **Certification of Medical Necessity for Abortion:** On the form updated January 1, 2015, the patient's SSN was removed and replaced with date of birth, and the physician's SSN was removed and replaced with the NPI number.
- **Acknowledgement of Hysterectomy:** On the form updated January 1, 2015, the patient's Medicaid ID number was removed and replaced with date of birth.
- **Sterilization Consent:** Physical street address was added to item 14 of the instructions.

✦ **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 change?

Only forms approved by TennCare will be reimbursed for abortion, sterilization and hysterectomy services. Forms must be filled out correctly and in their entirety. Use of unapproved forms will result in claim denials.

What form should I use?

Beginning July 1, 2015, Amerigroup and TennCare will only accept the Certification of Medical Necessity for Abortion form (updated January 1, 2015) and the Acknowledgement of Hysterectomy information form (updated January 1, 2015). Claims with consent forms that show any other date will be denied.

What if I need assistance?

Printable forms and instructions for completion can be found on the Bureau of TennCare website at tn.gov/tenncare/pro-misc.shtml.

You can also reference your Amerigroup provider manual for more information about the state claims submission requirements at providers.amerigroup.com/TN.

