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HIGHLIGHTS

TennCare CHOICES program transition is complete.

- The transition included a release of a new Eligibility Policy manual.

2016 Benefit Rates.

- Tables, charts, and examples have been updated throughout to reflect current rates.

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TennCare CHOICES Program Transition is Complete. In 2015, the State completed the transition of its TennCare CHOICES program (long-term services and supports, including nursing facility care) from the Department of Human Services to the Bureau of TennCare in the Division of Health Care Finance and Administration, within the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration. The transition included a release of a new Eli-

gibility Policy manual. Additionally the the State of Tennessee Web site, including the TennCare site was revamped. References to the policy manual and citations to the web site have been updated throughout.

Chapter 4, Paying for Health Care. A discussion has been added regarding the Medicare Care Choices Model, that permits qualified beneficiaries to elect to receive supportive care services while continuing to receive curative services. *See* § 4.04 [e][1].

See § 4.07[a] for discussion of the Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model, a pilot program that will begin January 1, 2017 in seven test states, including Tennessee.

Chapter 14, Creating and Administering Special Needs Trusts. Trust promoters, trust investment advisers, and trustees, as well as their attorneys, must thoroughly understand their fiduciary responsibility and potential liability. This is discussed in new § 14.08[g], How to Stay Compliant.

Appendix 2—Public Benefits Figures updated for 2016.

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