

Tennessee Department of Health Cancer Case Reporting

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs

For more information, contact the Tennessee Cancer Registry.

Tennessee Cancer Registry Declaration of Readiness Revision

The Tennessee Cancer Registry (TCR) has revised its declaration of readiness with regard to the submission of cancer cases from eligible professionals who directly treat or diagnose cancer patients and use Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT) to submit cancer cases to the TCR under the EHR Incentive Program. Effective July 1, 2022, the TCR will accept only new registrations from eligible professionals for electronic data submissions with the following provider specialties:

Eligible Professional Specialties for Cancer Case Reporting			
Dermatology	Gynecologic Oncology	Medical Oncology	Surgical Oncology
Gastroenterology	Hematology	Radiation Oncology	Urology

Eligible professionals must also have a certified EHR product capable of generating and transmitting reports to the TCR using Health Level 7 Clinical Document Architecture Release 2 (HL7 CDA R2) based standards, as outlined in the Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries. The certification criteria needed to generate and transmit cancer case reports are specified in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) final rule for EHR Certification, 170.314(f)(5) and 170.314(f)(6) for the 2014 Certification Edition and 170.315(f)(4) for the 2015 Certification Edition. To fulfill the cancer case reporting public health reporting measure, eligible professionals must use EHRs that are

certified to the 2015 Certification Edition. To verify an EHR product has been certified, please visit ONC's [Certified Health IT Product List](#).

Summary of EHR Incentive Payment Program Participation

CEHRT Edition	Implementation Guide	Measure	Incentive Program	Certification Criteria (Final Rule)	Supported by TDH Cancer Registry
2014	Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries, HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), (August 2012)	Specialized Registry Reporting	MU: Modified Stage 2	170.314(f)(6) 170.314(f)(5)	
2014	Implementation Guide for Ambulatory Healthcare Provider Reporting to Central Cancer Registries, HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), (August 2012)	Specialized Registry Reporting	MIPS Advancing Care Information 2017 Transition	170.314(f)(6) 170.314(f)(5)	

Summary of EHR Incentive Payment Program Participation, Cont.

CEHRT Edition	Implementation Guide	Measure	Incentive Program	Certification Criteria (Final Rule)	Supported by TDH Cancer Registry
2015	HL7 CDA® Release 2 Implementation Guide: Reporting to Public Health Cancer Registries from Ambulatory Healthcare Providers, Release 1, DTSU Release 1.1 – US Realm	Public Health Registry Reporting	MU: Stage 3	170.315(f)(4)	
2015	HL7 CDA® Release 2 Implementation Guide: Reporting to Public Health Cancer Registries from Ambulatory Healthcare Providers, Release 1, DTSU Release 1.1 – US Realm	Specialized Registry Reporting	MIPS Promoting Interoperability (PI)	170.315(f)(4)	

Eligible professionals not meeting the requirements above may be excluded from specialized or public health registry reporting measures. Please visit the [Electronic Health Records \(EHR\) Incentive Program site](#) for more information.

Resource Capacity

The TCR has the technical capacity to accept cancer case reports from eligible professionals using a certified EHR product. However, the TCR does not currently have the resources to support eligible professionals in queue awaiting an invitation to begin testing and onboarding. Eligible professionals who have submitted registrations to establish electronic case reporting of Cancer Cases who have not yet begun testing with the TCR will remain in queue for testing in the Trading Partner Registration (TPR) system until additional resources become available. Eligible professionals can meet the Public Health Registry Reporting measure as long as they register their intent to report in the TPR system no later than 60 days after the start of their EHR reporting period.

The TCR will continue to supply attestation and audit documentation to all eligible professionals with approved registrations in TPR system. New registrations submitted in the TPR system by any eligible professional that meets at least one of the following criteria will be denied registration for electronic data submission by the TCR:

1. The specialty of the eligible professional is not included in the above list of Eligible Professional Specialties for Cancer Case Reporting.
2. The eligible professional does not directly diagnose or treat 25 cancer cases in a calendar year.
3. The eligible professional does not utilize a 2015 CEHRT certified for 170.315(f)(4).

A denied registration in the TPR system does not negate the responsibility to report in accordance with [*Tennessee Code Annotated \(T.C.A.\) § 68-1-1001*](#), which requires **all health care practitioners and facilities** that diagnose and/or treat cancer patients to report cancer case information to the TCR.

Eligible professionals should check the TDH web page periodically for updates to the [Declaration of Readiness](#). **For questions related to the TDH Declaration of Readiness, contact the TDH Partner Engagement Coordinator at (615) 253-8945 or MU.Health@tn.gov.** Questions concerning TCR updates or for general information please contact TNCancer.Registry@tn.gov.

Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

LTSS Training Today Newsletter Update

Historically, LTSS shared provider updates within the monthly Training Today Newsletter. Moving forward, LTSS will no longer send out updates in a separate newsletter. Instead, updates will be shared in the MCO Provider Newsletters.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your collaboration and support throughout the years.

- For ongoing updates on LTSS programs and policies, please visit the [LTSS website](#).
- To access the latest LTSS documents, be sure to check out the [LTSS Documents page](#).

Thank you for being a valued part of our community!

LTSS Assistors' Guide and LTSS Financial Rules Guide

LTSS has recently created two new guides that provide clear and helpful information on key aspects of Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS). These guides can be found on the [LTSS Documents page](#).

- [Long-Term Services and Supports \(LTSS\) Assistors' Guide FINAL January 2025](#)
- [Long-Term Services and Supports \(LTSS\) Financial Rules Guide FINAL January 2025](#)

Tennessee Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) Advisory Council

TennCare is a member of the Tennessee Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) Advisory Council which is administratively attached to the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH). The Council is making a new information resource available to help caregivers, family members, and patients determine and make decisions about next steps after receiving an Alzheimer's or related dementia diagnosis.

Visit the [Tennessee Department of Health's website](#) to explore [What To Do Next: Following an Alzheimer's or Dementia Diagnosis](#). Be sure to share the PDF with anyone who may find it helpful.



Vaccine Operations Enrollment Reminder

East Tennessee Region and Knox Co. Metro

Feb. 3

VFC Private Providers will follow and re-enroll according to regional group. Participating providers must complete annual re-enrollment within their region's re-enrollment window. This is the 60 days prior to the expiration of their current Provider Agreement (PA). Those who do not re-enroll prior to their expiration will be suspended from ordering vaccine with the VFC Program until your Provider Agreement is Approved. The VFC Provider Handbook, 2025 Phased Re-Enrollment Schedule, and enrollment guidance documents are available in the TennHIS Document Center. This year we will be sending out your REDCap survey link and return code for you to submit your annual re-enrollment documents. CDC has updated the modules in January for you to complete the training requirements for 2025.

Providers in the following region(s) are scheduled to complete annual re-enrollment at this time.

This Month

EAST TN Region & KNOX CO. Metro – Provider Agreement Expires on April 7, 2025				
(PIN numbers starting with the designated county numbers below are scheduled to complete annual re-enrollment at this time.)				
01 - Anderson	13 - Claiborne	32 - Hamblen	53 - Loudon	73 - Roane
05 - Blount	15 - Cocke	45 - Jefferson	62 - Monroe	76 - Scott
07 - Campbell	29 - Grainger	47 - Knox - Metro	65 - Morgan	78 - Sevier
				87 - Union

Next Month

MID-CUMBERLAND Region – Provider Agreement Expires on May 5, 2025 <i>(PIN numbers starting with the designated county numbers below are scheduled to prepare annual re-enrollment at this time.)</i>				
11 – Cheatham	43 – Humphreys	75 – Rutherford	85 – Trousdale	
22 – Dickson	63 – Montgomery	81 – Stewart	94 – Williamson	
42 – Houston	74 – Robertson	83 – Sumner	95 – Wilson	

Important Notes

VFC Enrollment Walk-Through Guide – These step-by-step instructions and other guidance documents are available in the TennIIS Document Center and will aid in completing the re-enrollment process.

Routine & Emergency Vaccine Management Plan (REVMP) – Providers must submit the entire document complete with signatures on pages 2, 15, 16 (if applicable) and 18. Those with a manual defrost freezer must disclose a comprehensive defrost plan on page 11. Please add the backup location's VFC PINs on page 15. If you have a generator, we do need the date and signature of when they were checked quarterly on page 15 and annually on page 16 you will need to add the date of when the generator was serviced as well. The REVMP is also posted in the TennIIS Document Center.

Annual Training – Both Primary and Back-Up Vaccine Coordinators are required to complete annual training and submit Certificates of Completion. Below are 4 ways to meet the training requirement:

1. The two CDC “You Call The Shots” training modules: Vaccine Storage and Handling (module 10) and Vaccines for Children (module 16) for the current enrollment year.
2. Participation in an Educational Visit within the last 12 months,
3. Compliance Site Visit within the last 12 months. or
4. VPDIP – Immunization Expo

Documentation for VFC Re-Enrollment can be uploaded to the REDCap. After submission of the online Provider Agreement in TennIIS and all required documentation, please allow 7-10 business days for processing.

To report facility and/or contact changes in the interim, providers are required to notify the VFC Enrollment in writing via email or scan to VFC.Enrollment@tn.gov. For

additional assistance please contact the VFC Enrollment Team at **800-342-1813**. We are happy to assist you in any way possible!

Thank you all for your continued support and participation in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program!