



Tennessee Department of Children's Services

## Criteria for Authorizing TennCare

### Supplemental to DCS Policy: 15.15

1. A Title IV-E foster child who subsequently transitions to a Subsidized Permanent Guardianship (SPG) Program is categorically eligible for companion TennCare Medicaid benefits.
2. A child receiving Subsidized Permanent Guardianship (SPG) through **state** funding is not categorically eligible for TennCare Medicaid. A determination of TennCare eligibility must be completed to determine if the state funded SPG child may be receive TennCare coverage.
3. A child placed in Tennessee under the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children remains in the jurisdiction of the sending state and is
  - ineligible for Tennessee's SPG program; and
  - not categorically eligible for companion TennCare Medicaid benefits.
4. The Permanency Specialist shall provide the following supporting documentation to the Child Welfare Benefits Unit to initiate TennCare coverage for Subsidized Permanent Guardianship children who are categorically eligible for TennCare:
  - a) Copy of the [Subsidized Permanent Guardianship Agreement, CS-0721](#)
  - b) Copy of the [Intent to Obtain Subsidized Permanent Guardianship Placement Agreement \(Part 1\) and Application for Subsidized Permanent Guardianship \(Part 2\), CS-0719](#)
  - c) The child's Social Security Number
  - d) The date the child exits state custody and enters Subsidized Permanent Guardianship of the caretaker;
  - e) Notification if the Subsidized Permanent Guardianship Agreement is terminated.
5. The Child Welfare Benefits Unit shall authorize TennCare coverage for Subsidized Permanent Guardianship children who are categorically eligible for TennCare by completing the following actions.
  - a) Close the child's IV-E foster care case effective the month the child transitions into the Subsidized Permanent Guardianship Program.
  - b) Continue TennCare coverage for the SPG child in the Accent TennCare case for a former IV-E foster care child.
  - c) Continue or open a TennCare case on Accent for a state funded SPG child who has medical or rehabilitative needs.
  - d) Change the Accent Living Arrangement code to "26".
  - e) Enter the Guardian's address in the Accent AEICI screen for a SPG child.
  - f) Maintain the SPG child's active TennCare case on Accent as long as the Subsidized Permanent Guardianship Agreement is in effect.
  - g) Close the SPG child's active Accent TennCare case if the Subsidized Permanent Guardianship Agreement is terminated. Refer the family to the local DHS Family Assistance office for TennCare Coverage.