

HOUSE BILL 2557

By Shaw

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,  
relative to TennCare.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Bureau" means the bureau of TennCare;

(2) "CoverKids program" means the program created pursuant to the CoverKids Act of 2006, compiled in title 71, chapter 3, part 11;

(3) "Director" means the director of TennCare; and

(4) "Minor child" means a person who has not attained six (6) years of age.

(b) Notwithstanding § 71-5-106 or another law, and to the extent permitted by federal law, on and after July 1, 2025, a minor child who is enrolled in TennCare or the CoverKids program remains eligible for TennCare or the CoverKids program until the minor child reaches six (6) years of age, regardless of changes in circumstances.

(c) The bureau shall not subject a minor child described in subsection (b) to a redetermination of eligibility or disenroll the minor child from TennCare or the CoverKids program unless the bureau has knowledge to indicate that:

(1) The minor child's parent or guardian requests the minor child's voluntary disenrollment;

(2) The minor child is deceased;

(3) The minor child no longer resides in this state; or

(4) Initial enrollment of the minor child was based on fraud, abuse, or perjury by the minor child's parent or guardian in a manner that would disqualify the minor child for enrollment eligibility in TennCare or the CoverKids program.

(d) The director shall submit to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a request for any federal waiver the director deems necessary to effectuate this section no later than December 31, 2024.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.