

# TennCare issues RFP for managed care

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The [Bureau of TennCare](#) has released a request for proposals to managed care companies to provide services for its enrollees in East and West Tennessee.

The state is scheduled to announce the bid winners April 22. The proposals will become public when the winners are announced. Based on the request schedule, TennCare enrollees can expect service delivery by the selected contractors on Nov. 1, 2008, for West Tennesseans, and Jan. 1, 2009, for those in East Tennessee.

TennCare completed a similar process for Middle Tennessee members in July 2006.

"The East and West competitive bid process will complete TennCare's return to full financial risk for our MCOs statewide, solidifying our programs operational strength and financial viability," TennCare director Darin Gordon said in a statement.

TennCare is Tennessee's managed-care Medicaid program that serves approximately 1.2 million low-income children, pregnant women and disabled Tennesseans. It has an annual budget of \$7 billion.