

HOUSE BILL 18

By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to copayments and coinsurance amounts charged under health insurance plans.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 24, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Coinsurance" means a percentage of the contractual fee schedule applicable to a particular healthcare provider that a covered person must pay for covered services rendered by that provider under the terms of a particular health insurance policy or plan;

(2) "Copayment" means the specified dollar amount that a covered person must pay for covered services during a visit to a healthcare provider under the terms of a particular health insurance policy or plan;

(3) "Covered person" has the same meaning as set forth in § 56-7-110(a); and

(4) "Health insurance entity" has the same meaning as set forth in § 56-7-109(a), but does not include the government insurance plans created pursuant to title 8, chapter 27, and title 71, chapter 5.

(b) No health insurance entity shall impose on a covered person any copayment or coinsurance amount for primary care services rendered during an office visit to a physician assistant licensed under title 63, chapter 19, that is greater than the copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on a covered person by that health

insurance entity for the primary care services rendered during an office visit to a physician licensed under title 63, chapter 6 or 9.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all contracts with health insurance entities that are entered into on or after that date.