

HOUSE BILL 449

By Hodges

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68, Chapter 11 and
Title 71, relative to healthcare costs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following section:

(a) Each facility licensed under this chapter shall conspicuously post, in a place within the facility that is accessible to the public, a list of each healthcare service provided at the facility and a price for the service. The facility shall accept as payment in full the price listed at the time a healthcare service is provided if the patient, or any third-party payer on behalf of the patient, pays to the facility the posted price in full within thirty (30) days after the date the healthcare service is provided.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means any healthcare professional licensed, authorized, certified, or regulated under title 63, but does not include persons licensed under chapter 12 or 16 of title 63; and

(2) "Healthcare service" means healthcare procedures, treatments, or services provided by a facility licensed in this state or provided by a healthcare provider.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following section:

(a) Each healthcare provider licensed under this chapter shall conspicuously post, in a place within the healthcare provider's regular place of business that is

accessible to the public, a list of each healthcare service provided by the healthcare provider and a price for the service. The healthcare provider shall accept as payment in full the price listed at the time a healthcare service is provided if the patient, or any third-party payer on behalf of the patient, pays to the healthcare provider the posted price in full within thirty (30) days after the date the healthcare service is provided.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means any healthcare professional licensed, authorized, certified, or regulated under this title, but does not include persons licensed under chapter 12 or 16 of this title; and

(2) "Healthcare service" means healthcare procedures, treatments, or services provided by a healthcare provider.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to services provided on or after that date.