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HOUSE BILL 884

By Dixie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to prescription drugs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-3114, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) A pharmacy benefit manager or other entity that administers prescription drug benefits in this state shall not prohibit, by contract or otherwise, a pharmacy or pharmacist from informing a patient of all relevant options when acquiring the patient's prescription medication, including, but not limited to, the cost and clinical efficacy of a more affordable alternative if one is available, and the ability to pay cash if a cash payment for the same drug is less than an insurance copayment or deductible payment amount.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.