

HOUSE BILL 1164

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to credentialing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 6, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

56-6-707.

(a) Any physician employed or contracting with a health insurance entity, as defined in § 56-7-109, to review or oversee review of claims, preauthorization for admissions, or requests for imaging tests shall obtain and complete the same credentialing process that ordering physicians are required to complete prior to reimbursement.

(b) All communications sent to an insured and the ordering physician regarding approval or denial of a request for preauthorization shall include verification that the physician making the determination has completed the credentialing process required by subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.