



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 658

HOUSE BILL NO. 1175

By Representatives Weaver, Jernigan, Carter, Powers, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Hicks, Griffey, Halford, Haston, Thompson, Grills, Faison, Cepicky, Kumar, Terry, Rudd, Daniel, Hawk, Keisling, Tillis, Sherrell, Reedy, Howell, Carr, Hall, Gant, Windle, Williams, Moon, Staples, Ramsey, Farmer, Doggett, Crawford, Towns, Eldridge, Jerry Sexton, Todd, Hurt, Clemmons, Zachary, Helton, Hazlewood, Sparks, Rudder, Calfee, Ogles, Littleton, Moody, Gloria Johnson, White

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1469

By Senators Yager, Bailey, Hensley, Haile, Southerland, Swann, Crowe, Gresham, Jackson, Johnson, Niceley, Reeves, Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to TennCare.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The bureau of TennCare shall reimburse an ambulance service provider that provides a covered service to a TennCare recipient at a rate not less than sixty-seven and one-half percent (67.5%) of the federal medicare program's allowable charge for participating providers. For purposes of this section, "ambulance service provider" means a public or private ground-based ambulance service that bills for transports and has a base of operations in this state.

(b) This section does not affect the Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment Act, compiled under part 15 of this chapter. Funds described under this section and part 15 of this chapter may not be used to fund the other.

SECTION 2. The bureau of TennCare shall seek an intergovernmental transfer of funds, in consultation with, and subject to approval of, the commissioner of finance and administration for the sole purpose of increasing the rate of reimbursement to ambulance service providers that provide covered services to TennCare recipients at a rate greater than the rate described under Section 1(a).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 19, 2020



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of April 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR