

HOUSE BILL 1816

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
Chapter 7, relative to continuity of care for
insureds under health insurance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2358(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) If a provider who is a member of a managed health insurance issuer's network terminates its agreement with the issuer, or the issuer terminates the provider without cause, then for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of notice of termination the provider and issuer shall allow a subscriber or enrollee who is:

- (1) Under active treatment for a particular injury or sickness, to continue to receive covered benefits from the treating provider for the injury or sickness;
- (2) In the second trimester of pregnancy to continue care with a treating provider until completion of postpartum care; or
- (3) Being treated at an inpatient facility to remain at the facility until the patient is discharged.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall apply to policies and contracts entered into, issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2017.