

SENATE BILL 860

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, relative to healthcare.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-211, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) "Patient safety organization" means any private organization, or component of any such organization, whose primary activity is to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery for patients receiving care through the collection, aggregation, analysis or processing of medical or health care-related information submitted to it by a health care facility.

(2)

(A) Any private organization or a component of any private or public organization may apply to the department to be designated as a patient safety organization.

(B) The department may designate as a patient safety organization each applicant that:

(i) Has a mission statement indicating its primary purpose is to conduct activities to improve patient safety;

(ii) Has qualified staff and professionals capable of reviewing and producing patient safety work product;

(iii) Is not a component of a health insurer or other entity that provides health insurance to individuals or group health plans; and

(iv) Certifies that its mission does not create a conflict of interest with the health care facilities who will submit patient safety work product to it.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.