



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 183

SENATE BILL NO. 972

By Jackson, Robinson, Yarbrow, Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1135

By Sherrell, Gant, Smith, Cameron Sexton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 19; Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 7, relative to the review of charts for practice site visits at a community mental health center by a collaborating physician.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(6) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of fitness issued pursuant to this chapter, who provides services in a community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101, may arrange for the required personal review of the advanced practice registered nurse's charts by a collaborating physician, with the same authority to render prescriptive services that the nurse practitioner is authorized to render, in the office or practice site of the physician, or the required visit by a collaborating physician to any remote site, or both, via HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic. For purposes of this subdivision (b)(6), "HIPAA-compliant" means that the entity has implemented technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.312.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(l) A physician assistant authorized to prescribe drugs under this subdivision (2), who provides services in a community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101, may arrange for the required personal review of the physician assistant's charts by a collaborating physician, with the same authority to render prescriptive services that the physician assistant is authorized to render, in the office or practice site of the physician, or the required visit by a collaborating physician to any remote site, or both, via HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic. For purposes of this subdivision (2)(l), "HIPAA-compliant" means that the entity has implemented technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.312.

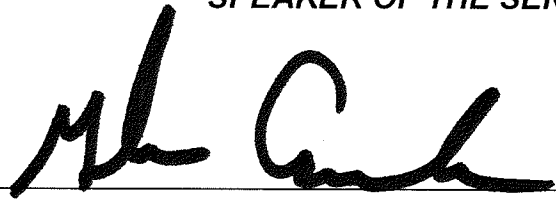
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2019



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR