

SENATE BILL 1654

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to ambulance service in the TennCare
program.

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 to be appropriately designated:

71-5-160.

(a) A managed care organization or its contractor who provides non-emergency ambulance service to TennCare enrollees shall permit enrollees or their representatives to make requests for particular ambulance service providers for their transportation needs. The contractor shall accede to such requests when reasonable and advance scheduling concerns permit.

(b) In providing non-emergency ambulance service, a managed care organization shall apply the same reimbursement policies within the same service area to all transportation requests that may be filled by any appropriately licensed and credentialed ambulance service provider, whether or not the provider is an in-network provider for the managed care organization; provided, that all ambulance service providers comply with the same terms and conditions.

(c) The commissioner of finance and administration is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.