

SENATE BILL 2076

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
Chapter 30 and Title 63, Chapter 5, relative to  
dental service corporations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-30-109, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b)

(1) Subject to the exceptions in subdivision (b)(2), a nonprofit dental service corporation shall not reduce the fees that it pays to dentists who participate in a plan operated by the corporation without first providing notice to each participating dentist at least sixty (60) days in advance of the date that the reduction will take effect. The notice required by this subdivision (b)(1) shall be mailed or transmitted to the last known mailing or e-mail address of each participating dentist shown on the records of the nonprofit dental service corporation.

(2) A nonprofit dental service corporation shall not be required to give notice of a fee reduction under subdivision (b)(1) if:

(A) The fee reduction is caused by a change in federal or state law or regulations;

(B) The fee reduction is caused by a change in the procedure codes published by the American Dental Association; or

(C) The fee reduction is based on changes in the coverage as shown in a certificate or contract issued to a subscriber.

(3) A nonprofit dental service corporation shall not reduce fees to a participating dentist more than once in a twelve-month period.

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