



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 843

SENATE BILL NO. 2155

By Bell, Bowling, Briggs, Hensley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2001

By Terry, Kumar, Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to episodes of care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-151, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b)(1) In developing or implementing any payment reform initiative involving the use of episodes of care with respect to medical assistance provided under this chapter by the bureau of TennCare, a healthcare provider shall not be required to pay the portion of the risk sharing payment that is attributable to the increased cost of pain relief services if the following conditions are met:

(A) The healthcare provider is required to make an episodes of care risk-sharing payment to a managed care organization;

(B) Some portion of the episode costs were due to pain relief services;

(C) The pain relief services provided to the patient were more expensive than an alternative pain relief service; and

(D) The provider can demonstrate that the pain relief services provided to the patient had the effect of reducing opioid use by the patient relative to an alternative pain relief service routinely used by other providers in the episode.

(2) The bureau of TennCare is authorized to promulgate rules, pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, as may be necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.

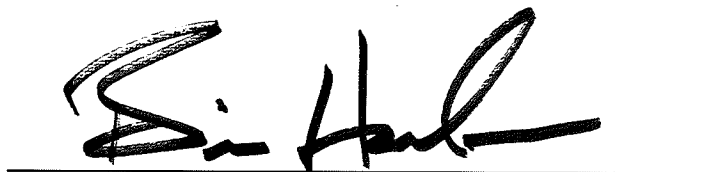
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PASSED: April 12, 2018


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 26th day of April 2018


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR