

SENATE BILL 2169

By Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63;
Title 68 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to hospital
reimbursement.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-161(d), is amended by adding
the following new subdivision:

(6)

(A) As used in this section,

(1) "Rural area" means an area that is not delineated as an
urbanized area by the federal bureau of the census; and

(2) "Rural hospital" means a hospital with no more than forty-nine
(49) licensed beds, operating in a rural area.

(B) The minimum and maximum level for aggregate rates to rural
hospitals for services to TennCare enrollees must be based on the percentages
of each rural hospital's current FFY medicare reimbursement set forth in
subdivision (d)(6)(C).

(C) For routine, nonspecialized inpatient services at rural hospitals, the
minimum level of reimbursement is one hundred percent (100%) and the
maximum level is one hundred twenty percent (120%).

(D) The department may seek a federal waiver or other authorization the
department deems necessary to implement subdivision (d)(6)(C), without
requiring the expansion of medicaid.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-161, is amended by deleting subsection (e) and substituting:

(e) The bureau shall publish the list of MS-DRGs included in each service category on its website, and the bureau shall update the list annually to reflect all changes as necessary. The bureau shall annually furnish an updated list of MS-DRGs directly to participating rural hospitals.

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