

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 858

SENATE BILL NO. 2299

By Yager, Walley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2376

By Butler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 14; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 71, relative to health care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(22), is amended by deleting subdivisions (A) and (B) and substituting:

- (A) "Home care organization" means an organization that provides home health services, home medical equipment services, professional support services, or hospice services to one (1) or more patients on an outpatient basis in either the patient's regular or temporary place of residence. A provider is operating a home care organization if the provider does the following:
 - (i) Holds itself out to the public as providing home health services, home medical equipment services, or hospice services;
 - (ii) Contracts or agrees to deliver home health services, home medical equipment services, or hospice services;
 - (iii) Accepts physician orders for home health services, home medical equipment services, or hospice services;
 - (iv) Accepts responsibility for the delivery of home health services, home medical equipment services, or hospice services; or
 - (v) Contracts to provide professional support services with the state agency financially responsible for services to individuals with mental, intellectual, or developmental disabilities;
- (B) The absence of one (1) or more of the factors in subdivision (22)(A) does not necessarily exclude the provider from the meaning of this definition;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, at 12:01 a.m., the public welfare requiring it.

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