



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 949

HOUSE BILL NO. 2537

By Representatives Gant, Lafferty

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2511

By Senator Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to professions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b)(6), is amended by deleting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101" and substituting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101 or federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b), is amended by adding a new subdivision:

(7) Except for subdivisions (b)(5) and (6):

(A) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of fitness issued pursuant to this chapter, who provides services at a site remote from the advance practice registered nurse's collaborating physician's practice site, may arrange for the required personal review of the advanced practice registered nurse's charts by a collaborating physician either via HIPAA-compliant electronic means or in person;

(B) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of fitness issued pursuant to this chapter may arrange for up to ten (10) of the required annual remote site visits by a collaborating physician by HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic. All other of the required site visits by a collaborating physician to a remote site must take place in person at the site of the clinic;

(C) For purposes of this subdivision (b)(7):

(i) "Annual" means a rolling twelve-month period; and

(ii) "HIPAA-compliant" means that the entity has implemented technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.312.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2)(H), is amended by deleting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101" and substituting "community mental health center as defined in § 33-1-101 or federally qualified health center as defined in § 63-10-601".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2), is amended by adding a new subdivision:

(I) Except for subdivisions (2)(G) and (H):

(i) A physician assistant licensed to prescribe drugs under this subdivision (2), who provides services at a site remote from the physician assistant's collaborating physician's practice site, may arrange for the required personal review of the physician assistant's charts by a collaborating physician either via HIPAA-compliant electronic means or in person;

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(ii) A physician assistant licensed to prescribe drugs under this subdivision (2), may arrange for up to ten (10) of the required annual remote site visits by a collaborating physician by HIPAA-compliant electronic means rather than at the site of the clinic. All other of the required site visits by a collaborating physician to a remote site must take place in person at the site of the clinic;

(iii) For purposes of subdivision (2)(l)(ii):

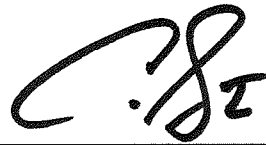
(a) "Annual" means a rolling twelve-month period; and

(b) "HIPAA-compliant" means that the entity has implemented technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.312.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 14, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR