



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 789

HOUSE BILL NO. 1877

**By Representatives Freeman, Lamberth, Powell, Hardaway, White, Clemmons, Haston**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2363**

**By Senators Watson, Lowe**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Electronic insurance card" means a digital or electronic representation of a covered individual's insurance information issued by a health insurance entity, including the policy holder's name, policy number, coverage dates and other relative policy information;

(2) "Health insurance entity" means an entity subject to the insurance laws of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, that contracts or offers to contract to provide health insurance coverage, including, but not limited to, an insurance company, a health maintenance organization, and a nonprofit hospital and medical service corporation; and

(3) "Healthcare provider" means a physician, hospital, or other person licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified healthcare services pursuant to title 63, chapter 6 or 9, or title 68.

(b) A healthcare provider shall accept an electronic insurance card as valid evidence of an individual's health insurance plan, policy, or contract.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR