

SENATE BILL 501

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to expanding medicaid to provide sickle cell treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-126, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

The governor is authorized to expand medicaid eligibility solely for the purpose of providing treatment for a patient with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148). The governor is authorized to negotiate with the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services with respect to the terms of medicaid expansion for such purpose.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.