SENATE BILL 1071

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to prenatal care in the TennCare program.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-150. Subject to any necessary approvals from the federal department of health and human services, enrollees in the TennCare program shall be allowed to choose prenatal care under the schedule and requirements of this section. Office visits under this option shall have a co-payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per visit. Free transportation shall be provided for each visit. The following schedule of visits is required: one (1) office visit each four (4) weeks for the first twenty-eight (28) weeks of pregnancy, one (1) office visit each two (2) weeks for weeks twenty-nine (29) through thirty-six (36) of pregnancy, and one (1) visit for each week thereafter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.