SENATE BILL 1361

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to TennCare.

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:

- (a) The bureau of TennCare shall reimburse in-network dental services providers for a dental service provided to a TennCare recipient at a rate that is no less than the amount identified as the national median fee for that dental service according to the most recent survey of national dental fees by the American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute, or a successor survey.
- (b) The bureau of TennCare may reimburse out-of-network dental services providers for dental services provided to a TennCare recipient, subject to copayment or deductible requirements that may apply to the recipient.
- SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.