

SENATE BILL 1722

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 71, relative to 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 to be appropriately designated:

In developing or implementing any payment reform initiative involving the use of episodes of care with respect to medical assistance provided under this chapter by the bureau of TennCare or the health care finance and administration (HCFA) of the department of finance and administration, the bureau and HCFA shall continue to use technical assistance groups of healthcare providers in developing any episode of care and shall maintain the use of technical assistance groups throughout the period of implementation of any episode of care. In addition to any other information required in the quarterly report to the general assembly pursuant to § 71-5-104(c), the bureau of TennCare shall summarize in each quarterly report the recommendations of any technical assistance group concerning the payment reform initiative and identify any action taken by the bureau or HCFA to address those recommendations. This section shall apply to any payment reform initiative utilizing episodes of care, including any initiative receiving a state innovation model initiative grant from the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services.

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