



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 643

SENATE BILL NO. 2078

By Yager, Pody

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2184

By Reedy, Moon, Staples, Ramsey, Griffey, Towns, Todd, Powers, Marsh, Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 15, relative to ground ambulance service providers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1504(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(c) If the quarterly transport data is not adequate or available for the calculation of assessments, then the bureau shall use total transports submitted to the office of emergency medical services for calendar year 2019. If neither the quarterly transport data nor total transports submitted to the office of emergency medical services are adequate or available, then the bureau shall use the annual cost and utilization report submitted pursuant to § 71-5-1507. The adequacy and availability of the data must be determined solely by the bureau.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1504, is amended by deleting subsections (f) and (g).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1508(d), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

The ground ambulance provider assessment established by this part terminates on June 30, 2021.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 15, is amended by adding the following as a new § 71-5-1507 and redesignating the existing § 71-5-1507 and subsequent sections:

71-5-1507.

(a) For the purposes of this part, all ambulance providers shall file an annual cost and utilization report reflecting the most recently completed calendar year.

(b) The submitted cost and utilization report must include:

- (1) Specified data on any vehicle owned or operated by the ambulance provider that is used for the purposes of patient transport;
- (2) Total number of manual ambulance stretchers;
- (3) Total number of hydraulic ambulance stretchers;
- (4) Information regarding twelve-lead cardiac capabilities;
- (5) Revenue data by payer type;
- (6) Total transport data by payer type; and
- (7) Any additional information that is required by the bureau.

(c) The cost and utilization report must be filed with the bureau no later than May 31 of each calendar year and must contain data from the previous calendar year. The bureau shall assess a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day that an ambulance provider does not submit a cost and utilization report in compliance with this section. However, the bureau may waive, in whole or in part, any penalty upon a determination that there is good cause for the waiver. The penalty imposed by this section supersedes any penalty imposed under § 12-4-304.

(d) The comptroller of the treasury is granted audit authority to test the accuracy of any and all cost and utilization reports submitted to the bureau for the purposes of this assessment.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1503(b)(3), is amended by deleting the language "fund created in § 71-5-1507" and substituting the language "fund created in § 71-5-1508".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: March 19, 2020


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of April 2020


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR