

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment 1 to HB0640

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 468*

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by deleting subsection (a), and redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as (c) and (d) respectively, in the amendatory language of Section 1 and by substituting instead the following as a new subsections (a) and (b):

(a) Health insurance entities, as defined in § 56-7-109, that contract with the state and perform services for the TennCare program or any successor program pursuant to Title 71 shall establish reasonable protocols and procedures for reimbursing physicians employed by federally qualified health centers, so long as such process does not violate NCQA standards. At a minimum, such protocols and procedures shall:

(1) subject to approval of a physician credentialing application, permit physician reimbursement for rendered services from the date the physician's completed credentialing application is received for consideration by the health insurance entity; provided, however that a contractual relationship exists between the provider, or the group (or the facility) for whom the physician works; and

(2) require that any reimbursement paid such physician shall be retroactively recouped or rescinded in the event such physician's credentialing application is denied.

(b) As alternative to subsection (a), Health insurance entities, as defined in § 56-7-109, that contract with the state and perform services for the TennCare program or any successor program pursuant to Title 71 may establish an expedited credentialing process for reimbursing physicians employed by federally qualified health centers, so long as such process does not violate NCQA standards.

