

HOUSE BILL 1779  
By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7 and Title 68, relative to ensuring that emergency services provided to uninsured persons or persons receiving such services from facilities not contracted with a health benefit plan are only responsible for paying the amount established for such services under the federal Medicare program.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2355(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (5) thereto:

(5) Any emergency services provided pursuant to this section, or provided to individuals without health insurance, shall be paid at the same rate as those services are paid by the federal Medicare program. The commissioner of commerce and insurance shall have the authority to ensure such payments are appropriately made, and to enact any appropriate rules and regulations to implement this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act compiled at title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.