

Amendment No. 1 to SB1474

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1474*

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(i)(1), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

, except that , in no event shall such fee schedule set forth differing rates for reimbursement or conversion factors for reimbursement of physical or occupational therapy services based or dependent on whether the services are performed in independently-owned facilities or physician-affiliated facilities, and shall not otherwise consider the physician ownership in the facility providing services. However, differing reimbursement rates may be implemented by the department in accordance with the uniform administrative procedures act, title 4, chapter 5, in the event over-utilization of physical/occupational therapy services is demonstrated by report of the commissioner to the medical care and cost containment committee, the workers' compensation advisory council and the special joint committee on workers' compensation, based on and including such information as gathered by utilization review conducted pursuant to § 50-6-124(f) and rule, and if it is similarly demonstrated a bifurcated reimbursement system will correct the over-utilization of physical/occupational therapy services.

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