

SENATE BILL 2062

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to reimbursement of physicians by health
insurance entities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

56-7-1015.

(a) For participation in a network plan, each health insurance entity, as defined in § 56-7-109, shall contract with any physician who is licensed under title 63, chapter 6, and in good standing with the board of medical examiners for reimbursement at fair market value. A violation of this subsection (a) shall constitute an unfair trade practice under chapter 8 of this title.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "network plan" means health insurance coverage of a health insurance entity under which the financing and delivery of medical care, including items and services paid for as medical care, are provided, in whole or in part, through a defined set of providers under contract with the issuer.

(c) The commissioner of commerce and insurance is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.