

SENATE BILL 726

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to the amounts paid under insurance plans for the services of certain health care providers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 24, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

56-7-2409.

(a) No health insurance entity shall impose on a covered person any copayment or coinsurance amount for services rendered during an office visit to a chiropractic physician licensed under title 63, chapter 4, or to a physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under title 63, chapter 13, which is greater than the copayment or coinsurance amount imposed on a covered person by that health insurance entity for the services rendered during an office visit to a primary care physician licensed under title 63, chapter 6 or 9.

(b) As used in this section, the terms "health insurance entity" and "covered person" shall have the same meaning as in § 56-7-110(a).

(c) As used in this section, the word "coinsurance" means a percentage of the contractual fee schedule applicable to a particular health care provider that a covered person must pay for covered services rendered by that provider under the terms of a particular health insurance policy or plan.

(d) As used in this section, the word "copayment" means the specified dollar amount that a covered person must pay for covered services during a visit

to a health care provider under the terms of a particular health insurance policy or plan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all contracts with health insurance entities which are entered into on or after that date.