

HOUSE BILL 842

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to health insurance benefits.

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:

(a) Notwithstanding this title to the contrary, on or before July 1, 2017, the commissioner of commerce and insurance shall establish by rule requirements for minimum essential benefits for health insurance coverage, as that coverage is defined by § 56-7-2802, offered by a health insurance issuer, as defined by § 56-7-2802. The minimum essential benefits shall be no less extensive than those benefits set for health insurance coverage in this state under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), Pub. L. No. 111-148, and the federal rules implementing PPACA that were in effect on December 1, 2016.

(b) For the purposes of this section, minimum essential benefits include the following:

- (1) Outpatient care and ambulatory patient care;
- (2) Emergency services;
- (3) Inpatient hospitalization;
- (4) Pregnancy, maternity, prenatal, and newborn care;
- (5) Behavioral health treatment and services, including mental health and substance abuse disorder services;
- (6) Prescription drugs;
- (7) Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices;

- (8) Laboratory services;
- (9) Preventive and wellness services;
- (10) Chronic disease management;
- (11) Pediatric services, including oral and vision care;
- (12) Family planning and contraceptive coverage; and
- (13) Breastfeeding coverage.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall apply to policies or contracts entered into, renewed, amended, or delivered in this state on or after July 1, 2017.