

HOUSE BILL 655

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title
71, relative to payment for healthcare services.

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 health insurance entity, as defined in § 56-7-109, shall not issue policies for health insurance coverage, as defined in § 56-7-109, that prohibit an insured from paying the lesser of the cost of a medical service offered by a physician or a chiropractic service offered by a chiropractor, and the cost of the copayment for the medical or chiropractic service.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A chiropractor shall ensure that each patient or prospective patient is offered the choice of paying the lesser of the cost of a chiropractic service offered by the chiropractor and the cost of the copayment for the chiropractic service.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A physician shall ensure that each patient or prospective patient is offered the choice of paying the lesser of the cost of a medical service offered by the physician and the cost of the copayment for the medical service.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.