

HOUSE BILL 1959

By Dixie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7 and Title 63, Chapter 10, relative to prescription drugs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-3114, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b) A pharmacy benefit manager or other entity that administers prescription drug benefits in this state shall not prohibit, by contract or otherwise, a pharmacy or pharmacist from informing a patient of all relevant options when acquiring a patient's prescription medication, including, but not limited to, the cost and clinical efficacy of a more affordable alternative if one is available, and the ability to pay cash if a cash payment for the same drug is less than an insurance copayment or deductible payment amount.

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