

SENATE BILL 2838

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56
and Title 71, relative to episodes of care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-151(d), is amended by inserting the following as subdivision (2) and redesignating the existing subdivision (2) accordingly:

(2) In developing or implementing any payment reform initiative involving the use of episodes of care with respect to medical assistance provided under this chapter by the bureau of TennCare, a private health insurance provider shall exclude from the calculation of costs for any episode of care any charges related to pain relief that decrease the use of opioids. The private health insurance provider may demonstrate that the pain relief services provided to the patient had the effect of reducing opioid use by the patient relative to an alternative pain relief service routinely used by other healthcare providers in the episode of care.

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