



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 243

SENATE BILL NO. 1988

By Stewart

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1754

By Mike Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-6-705, relative to utilization review agents engaging in utilization review for mental health care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-6-705(a)(10)(C), is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

After the initial utilization review, additional information or follow-up utilization review for outpatient mental health or chemical dependency patients shall be limited to no more than eighteen percent (18%) of the total number of outpatient mental health and chemical dependency patients' reviews performed by the utilization review agent for the previous calendar year adjusted for the difference of covered lives in this state for the present calendar year, or as otherwise required by the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC) or the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

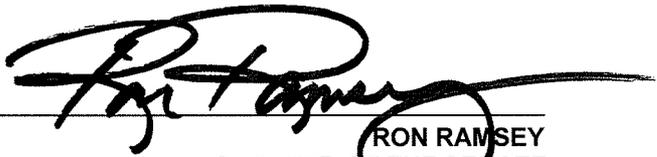
SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-6-705, is further amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(b) With the exception of those standards contained in subdivision (a)(10), the commissioner shall exempt from the standards of this section any utilization review agent who has received accreditation by URAC or NCQA.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 11, 2011

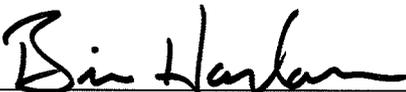


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR