



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 990

SENATE BILL NO. 2373

By Bell, Green, Overbey, Gresham, Bowling, Hensley, Watson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2331

By Cameron Sexton, Kevin Brooks, Hardaway, Terry, Daniel, Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1002, relative to telehealth services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1002(a), is amended by deleting the language "title 63;" at the end of subdivision (3) and substituting instead the language "title 63 or any state-contracted crisis service provider employed by a facility licensed under title 33;".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1002(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) Shall reimburse a healthcare services provider for the diagnosis, consultation, and treatment of an insured patient for a healthcare service covered under a health insurance policy or contract that is provided through telehealth without any distinction or consideration of the geographic location or any federal, state, or local designation, or classification of the geographic area where the patient is located;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1002(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(e) A health insurance entity shall provide coverage for healthcare services provided during a telehealth encounter in a manner that is consistent with what the health insurance policy or contract provides for in-person encounters for the same service, and shall reimburse for healthcare services provided during a telehealth encounter without distinction or consideration of the geographic location, or any federal, state, or local designation or classification of the geographic area where the patient is located.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 18, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR