

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Bills of interest and legislative action taken this week include the following:

SB118 Briggs/HB 69 Smith -- Expansion of TennCare waiver.

Senate Status: 03/20/18 - Failed in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

House Status: 03/21/18 - Taken off notice in House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee.

SB 601 Green /HB518 Sexton -- Use of technology in delivering healthcare services by means of telemedicine and telehealth.

Amendment Summary: Senate Commerce & Labor Committee amendment 1 (014215) requires health insurance providers to reimburse healthcare services providers for a telehealth originating site facility fee. Creates new definition for the term "remote patient monitoring telemedicine services."

Senate Status: 03/20/18 - Senate Commerce & Labor Committee deferred to summer study.

House Status: 03/21/18 - Taken off notice in House Health Subcommittee.

SB 1926 Briggs/HB 2122 R. Williams -- New Healthcare Practitioner Act. --

Senate Status: 03/15/18 - Re-referred to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/20/18 - Taken off notice in House Health Committee.

SB 2025 Haile/HB 2440 Terry -- Prescriptions for controlled substances - partial fill allowed.

Authorizes a prescription for an opioid to be partially filled under certain circumstances. In the case of a partial fill the pharmacy where the prescription was initially filled is required to retain the original prescription. Requires that the prescribing practitioner be notified in the case of partial fill.

Amendment Summary: House Health Subcommittee amendment 1, Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1 (014603) deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is changing the effective date from January 1, 2019, to upon becoming law.

Senate Status: 03/14/18 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment 1 and Sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/21/18 - House Health Subcommittee recommended with amendment 1 and sent to full committee.

SB2095 Dickerson/HB2510 Favors --Prescribing of buprenorphine by certain nurse practitioners.

Amendment Summary: Senate Health & Welfare Committee amendment 1 (014459) establishes a working group to examine the potential impact of allowing nurses and physician assistants to prescribe buprenorphine containing products for the treatment of opioid abuse disorder. Lists the composition of the working group and states that all costs for the group will be paid for by the members and not by the state. House Health Committee amendment 1 (015159) requires the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to convene a working group to examine the potential impact of authorizing advance practice nurses and physician assistants in Tennessee to prescribe buprenorphine containing products for the treatment of opioid use disorder and any potentially appropriate clinical settings for any such prescribing authority. Requires the working group to include a least one representative from the Department of Health (DOH), the DMHSAS, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Medical Association, the Tennessee Nurses Association, the Tennessee Academy of Physician Assistants, the

Tennessee Society of Addiction Medicine, the Tennessee Recovery Coalition, the Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug, and Other Addiction Services, the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations, Neighborhood Health, Watauga Recovery Centers, and a facility licensed as a nonresidential office-based treatment facility by the DMHSAS. Requires any costs associated with participation in the working group be borne by the individual participant or their respective associations or organizations, except for those employed by the state. The state will cover costs for those employed by the state. Requires the working group, no later than February 1, 2019, to submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of the DMHSAS, the Commissioner of the DOH, the Health Committees of the House and Senate, at which time the working group will cease to exist.

Senate Status: 03/22/18 – Senate floor action -- reset to 3/29/18

House Status: 03/22/18 - House Calendar & Rules Committee passed and set to floor calendar.

SB 2112 Niceley/HB 2379 -- Use of oxycodone by enrollees in medical assistance.

Prohibits medical assistance programs from covering any drugs containing oxycodone on any preferred drug lists. Requires the bureau of TennCare to remove any drug containing oxycodone from the preferred drug list within 90 days.

Amendment Summary: Senate Health and Welfare Committee amendment 1 prohibits TennCare from providing coverage for any drug containing oxycodone.

Senate Status: 03/14/18 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment and sent to Senate Finance.

House Status: 03/21/18 - House Health Subcommittee deferred to 03/28/18.

SB2154 Bell/HB2288 Ramsey -- Changes in veterinary licensing classifications.

Senate Status: 03/15/18 - Taken off notice in Senate Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

House Status: 03/21/18 - Taken off notice in House Government Operations Committee.

SB2257 Norris/HB1831Hawk -- Requirements for prescribing, dispensing, and reporting of opioids.

Amendment Summary: House Health Committee amendment 3 (015082) rewrites the bill and requires dispensers to update their software system to enable submission of ICD-10 codes by January 1, 2019. Requires healthcare practitioners to check the controlled substances database before prescribing any controlled substances. Changes the acceptable treatment period for controlled substances from seven days to three. Prohibits healthcare practitioners from treating patients with more than a three-day supply of an opioid. Lists specific procedures and rules for cases where more than a three-day supply of an opioid can be supplied.

Senate Status: 03/14/18 - Senate Health & Welfare Committee recommended with amendment and sent to Senate Calendar Committee.

House Status: 03/20/18 - House Health Committee recommended with amendment and sent to House Criminal Justice Committee.

SB2482 Niceley/HB2488 Holt -- Informing patients before administering vaccinations.

Requires the prescribing practitioner or qualified healthcare provider to provide the patient with a list of the vaccine's ingredients, possible side effects, and information about the federal vaccine adverse event report system prior to administering the vaccination.

Senate Status: 03/07/18 - Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 03/21/18 - Taken off notice in House Health Subcommittee.

SB2642 Watson/HB2267 Hicks -- Increased penalties for healthcare providers.

Increases the civil penalty from \$500 per day to \$1,000 per day that any person performs, offers to perform, or holds such person out as performing an activity without possessing the valid certification needed to perform that health care activity.

Senate Status: 03/14/18 - Taken off notice in Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status: 03/21/18 - Taken off notice in House Health Subcommittee.

HJR713 DeBerry -- Expresses support for a minimum mandatory school nurse to student ratio.

Expresses support for a minimum mandatory school nurse to student ratio of 1:750, encourages LEAs to access grants to fund school nurses, and encourages school nurses to work in collaboration with other health care professionals.

House Status: 03/20/18 - House Education Administration and Planning Committee recommended. Sent to House Calendar & Rules.