



TMA POLICY PRIORITIES

SUPPORT: ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL INSURANCE BILL SB2155/HB2619

Sen. Bo Watson (R-Hixson) | Rep. Dan Howell (R-Cleveland)

The bill makes comprehensive changes to various health insurance statutes to ensure companies fairly and transparently adjudicate claims. Expands prior authorization approval for treatment of a chronic condition from 6 months to 12 months. Prohibits a health insurance entity from automatically downcoding a claim submitted by a provider unless there is first a review of the patient's medical record.

SENATE STATUS: Set for Senate Commerce and Labor Committee 3/3/2026

HOUSE STATUS: Referred to House Insurance Subcommittee

SUPPORT: MEDICAL NECESSITY SB1753/HB1770

Sen. Ferrell Haile (R-Gallatin) | Rep. Brock Martin (R-Huntingdon)

The bill adds three new medical specialties to the list of persons engaged in the practice of medicine. The bill clarifies that both medical doctors and osteopathic physicians may determine the appropriateness of treatments or procedures for patient conditions and that all doctors making medical necessity decisions be governed by their respective medical boards.

SENATE STATUS: Passed Senate 2/9/2026

HOUSE STATUS: Set for House Health Subcommittee 3/4/2026

SUPPORT: TENNCARE PROVIDER RATE INCREASES SB2080/HB2046

Sen. Bo Watson (R-Hixson) | Rep. Ryan Williams (R-Cookeville)

Increases reimbursement rates to Medicare levels in three service areas: primary care and behavioral health, maternal care, anesthesia.

SENATE STATUS: Set for Senate Commerce and Labor Committee 3/3/2026

HOUSE STATUS: Referred to TennCare Subcommittee

OPPOSE: EXPANDING NON-PHYSICIAN SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Patient safety should not be compromised.

- Optometrists Performing Surgery SB2076/HB1952
- Psychologists Prescribing SB0911/HB0996
- Independent Practice for APRNs and PAs SB2245/HB2554 and SB2243/HB2555
- Test and Treat for Pharmacists SB2242/HB2557

