

HOUSE BILL 2251

By Matlock

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68
and Title 71, relative to medical assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) It is the policy of this state to favor childbirth and family planning services that
do not include elective abortions or the promotion of elective abortions within the
continuum of care or services and to avoid the direct or indirect use of state funds to
promote or support elective abortions.

(b) The commissioner of finance and administration is directed to submit to the
federal centers for medicare and medicaid services a waiver amendment to the existing
TennCare II waiver to require the exclusion of a provider from the program if the bureau
of TennCare finds that inclusion of the provider in the program would result in the direct
or indirect use of state funds to promote or support elective abortion. If the waiver
amendment is approved, the commissioner of finance and administration shall
implement the waiver amendment within ten (10) business days.

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