HOUSE BILL XXXX

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SENATE BILL XXX

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to coverage for alcoholism or drug dependency treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each health insurance carrier that issues individual and group health insurance policies providing prescription drug benefits for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency shall not impose any prior authorization requirements on any prescription medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency.

(b) Each health insurance carrier that issues individual and group health insurance policies providing prescription drug benefits for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency shall not impose any step therapy requirements before the health insurance carrier will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency.

(c) Each health insurance carrier that issues individual and group health insurance policies providing prescription drug benefits for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency shall place all prescription medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the health insurance carrier.

(d) Each health insurance carrier that issues individual and group health insurance policies providing prescription drug benefits for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency shall not exclude coverage for any prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of alcoholism or drug dependency and any associated counseling or wraparound services on the grounds that such medications and services were court ordered.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall apply to policies and contracts entered into or renewed on and after January 1, 2020.