

Senate Bill 391

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 6th and Davis of the 22nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide that each medical
3 facility shall make a good faith application to the southern regional TRICARE managed care
4 support coordinator to join the TRICARE network; to provide for oversight; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to
10 read as follows:

11 "31-7-20.

12 (a) Each medical facility in this state shall, not later than July 1, 2015, make a good faith
13 application to the southern regional TRICARE managed care support coordinator for
14 participation in the TRICARE network.

15 (b) If any medical facility fails to qualify for admission to the TRICARE network, such
16 medical facility shall implement a plan to upgrade the facility, equipment, personnel, or
17 such other cause for the disqualification within one year of notice of such deficiency.

18 (c) Each medical facility shall submit reports to the commissioner detailing its efforts to
19 join the TRICARE network and shall submit copies of applications, acceptances or
20 rejections, correspondences, and any other information the commissioner deems necessary.

21 (d) The commissioner shall maintain files on each medical facility in this state and shall
22 monitor each medical facility's efforts to join the TRICARE network."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.