

Senate Bill 391

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 6th, Davis of the 22nd and Dugan of the 30th

AS PASSED SENATE

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 program; 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 contractor for
14 certification in the TRICARE program.

15 (b) If any medical facility fails to qualify for certification in the TRICARE program, 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 program 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 program.

23 (e) Nothing in this Code section shall require a medical facility to enter into a contract with
24 the southern regional managed care support contractor or to participate in TRICARE as a
25 network provider or as a participating non-network provider, as such terms are defined in
26 the federal TRICARE regulations."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.