

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 764 of the Regular Session

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1459

By: Representatives Penzo, Pilkington

By: Senator K. Hammer

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-140. Reimbursement for behavioral health services.

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for behavioral health services that are provided in a federally qualified health center by at a minimum:

- (1) A clinical psychologist;
- (2) A licensed certified social worker;
- (3) A licensed professional counselor;
- (4) A licensed mental health counselor; or
- (5) A licensed marriage and family therapist.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this section.



*/s/Penzo*

**APPROVED: 4/19/21**