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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1847

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG-TERM CARE MEDICAID ASSISTANCE; TO ENSURE THAT BENEFICIARIES ON THE LOW-INCOME DISABLED WORKING PERSON CATEGORY OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY CAN TRANSITION TO OTHER CATEGORIES IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM UPON RETIREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR LONG-TERM CARE MEDICAID ASSISTANCE; TO ENSURE THAT BENEFICIARIES ON THE LOW-INCOME DISABLED WORKING PERSON CATEGORY OF MEDICAID CAN TRANSITION TO OTHER CATEGORIES IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-127, concerning eligibility for long-term care in the Arkansas Medicaid Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) To the extent approved by the federal government, the department shall exclude any assets accumulated in a person's independence account and any income or assets from retirement benefits earned or accumulated from employment income or employer contributions while the person was employed and eligible for and receiving benefits under the low-income disabled working person category of Medicaid eligibility, as established under § 20-77-1201 et seq., when determining that person's financial



eligibility and cost-sharing requirements, if any, for the long-term care medical assistance.

(2) As used in this section, "independence account" means an account approved by the department that consists solely of savings, and dividends or other gains derived from those savings, from income earned from paid employment after the initial date on which a person began receiving medical assistance under the low-income disabled working person category of Medicaid eligibility, as established under § 20-77-1201 et seq.

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