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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1385

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE PROPERLY REIMBURSED BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION IMMEDIATELY AND DURING POSTPARTUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ENSURE THAT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE PROPERLY REIMBURSED BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION IMMEDIATELY AND DURING POSTPARTUM.

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:

20-77-148. Long-acting reversible contraception coverage – Legislative findings.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program currently covers long-acting reversible contraception;

(2) Due to the payment model used by the program for coverage of pregnant women, healthcare providers have found that providing long-acting reversible contraception during postpartum is cost prohibitive; and

(3) Action should be taken to ensure that healthcare providers



can provide long-acting reversible contraception during postpartum.

(b)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse a healthcare provider for providing long-acting reversible contraception immediately and during postpartum.

(2) Reimbursement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be in addition to the regular payments for services to pregnant women provided by a healthcare provider.

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

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