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A Bill

SENATE BILL 100

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO
RECOGNIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRIMARY CARE
PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE A PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANT AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

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:

20-77-154. Primary care provider for Arkansas Medicaid Program – Physician assistant.

(a) If authorized by a physician assistant's supervising physician, the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall recognize a physician assistant licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board as a primary care provider authorized to carry out the following duties of a primary care case manager:

(1) Being recognized and serving as the initial healthcare provider in the program; and

(2) Treating a patient within the scope of practice and licensure of a physician assistant under § 17-105-107.

(b) The program shall reimburse a physician assistant:

(1) Not less than the current reimbursement rate for services performed within the scope of practice and licensure of the physician assistant; and



(2) One hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement rate for all out-of-pocket costs incurred by the physician assistant such as the costs of laboratory tests, X-rays, and any additional tests ordered or conducted by the physician assistant.

(c) A healthcare insurance policy in which the premiums are paid directly or indirectly by the program also shall recognize and reimburse a physician assistant under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) This section does not increase the scope of practice or licensure of a physician assistant.

(e) When initially applying to the program to be recognized as a primary care provider and case manager under this section, a physician assistant shall provide a written authorization that is signed and dated by his or her supervising physician.

/s/C. Penzo

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