

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1429

By: Representatives M. Shepherd, *L. Johnson*

By: *Senator Irvin*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY WHILE ENSURING
QUALITY FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES PERFORMING MAMMOGRAPHY
SERVICES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE QUALITY
STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF FACILITIES FOR
MAMMOGRAPHY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY WHILE ENSURING
QUALITY FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES
PERFORMING MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES; AND TO
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE QUALITY
STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF
FACILITIES FOR MAMMOGRAPHY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-15-1004(a), establishing quality standards for accreditation of facilities for mammography, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Secretary of the Department of Health shall establish quality standards for accreditation of facilities wherein mammography may be conducted ~~in accordance with~~ according to the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-539 (21 C.F.R. Part 900).

(2) The standards applicable to the physician who interprets mammograms shall not be more stringent than those standards listed in the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-539 (21 C.F.R. Part 900).



(3)(A) An interpreting physician is not required to be on site but shall be immediately available via telecommunication to interpret diagnostic mammography to adhere to the quality standard requirements under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

(B) A patient shall sign a waiver acknowledging that a diagnostic evaluation performed via telemedicine or remotely may have limitations compared to an in-person diagnostic evaluation.

(C) The results of the diagnostic evaluation shall be provided to the patient before the patient leaves the facility after the completion of the diagnostic evaluation.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rule modification.

(a) The Department of Health shall modify all rules relating to performing diagnostic mammography services and the accreditation of facilities in which diagnostic mammography may be conducted to allow interpreting physicians to be immediately available via telecommunication.

(b) The department shall remove a requirement to have the interpreting physician physically on site for the performance of diagnostic mammography services.

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