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81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Amendment Form

Amendment No. _____ to HOUSE Bill No.
1728

Amend HOUSE Bill No. 1728 as engrossed 3-21-97
by

striking on line 19 of page 42 the numbers "116,271,722 122,085,308" and
substituting therefor "117,595,039 123,888,272";

and

by striking on line 22 of page 42 the numbers "1,502,304,321 1,651,116,566"
and substituting therefor "1,503,627,638 1,652,919,530";

and

by inserting the following new sections immediately following Section 102:

"SECTION 103. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. MEDICAL SERVICES. The costs of any law, rule, or regulation adopted by the State of Arkansas or federal government mandating a specific expenditure or cost required for state licensure or participation in the Medicaid program shall be reimbursed as a fully allowable cost for 10-bed ICF/MR facilities participating in the Medicaid program. However, this section shall be void if not approved by HCFA (Health Care Financing Administration).

SECTION 104. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. MEDICAL SERVICES. In view of pending federal changes and ceilings by the United States Congress in the Medicaid Program and in order to allow the Executive and Legislative branches to review and analyze effect and cost, the Department of Human Services shall not change the reimbursement methodology to a facility specific system of the Long Term Care 10-bed ICF/MR Program during the 1997-99 biennium except for inflationary

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rate increases, minimum wage increases, other authorized increases and adding specialty heavy care categories. However, this section shall be void if not approved by HCFA (Health Care Financing Administration).

SECTION 105. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - MEDICAL SERVICES. It is the Legislative intent that the Department of Human Services shall utilize the appropriation for the various Medicaid programs to the fullest extent so as to provide services and quality care to the Medicaid population of Arkansas. To that extent, the Department shall not reduce 10-bed ICF/MR Medicaid reimbursement levels below those currently in effect, and shall specifically amend the 10-bed ICF/MR Program rates to provide for the recently enacted Federal minimum wage increase effective October 1, 1996, at \$1.99 per patient day at 92.5% (\$201,780) and the minimum wage increase effective September 1, 1997, at \$1.60 per patient day at 92.5% (\$162,235); and the HCFA Market Basket inflationary increase effective July 1, 1996, by 3.4% (\$479,651) and July 1, 1997, by 3.40% (\$479,651) and July 1, 1998 by 3.4% (\$479,651). However, this section shall be void if not approved by HCFA (Health Care Financing Administration).";

and

by appropriately renumbering subsequent sections of the bill.

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