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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative L. Johnson

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS
OF THE STATE HOSPICE OFFICE TO SPECIFY THAT CERTIFIED
NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY
SERVE AS DESIGNATED ATTENDING PHYSICIANS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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STANDARDS OF THE STATE HOSPICE OFFICE TO
SPECIFY THAT CERTIFIED NURSE
PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
MAY SERVE AS DESIGNATED ATTENDING
PHYSICIANS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-117(b)(1)(B), concerning the duties of
the State Hospice Office, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) Implement rules, regulations, and standards for
hospice care in general agreement with guidelines of the ~~National Hospice and
Palliative Care Organization~~ National Alliance for Care at Home and the
Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Arkansas, Inc. and in compliance
with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

(ii) The rules, regulations, and standards under

subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall specify that a certified nurse practitioner or a physician assistant may serve as a patient's designated attending physician;

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