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6 By: Representative Dotson

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO LIMIT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN BY
11 A MEDICAID RECIPIENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

12 13 14 Subtitle

15 TO LIMIT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC
16 PHYSICIAN BY A MEDICAID RECIPIENT.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-134(b), concerning direct access to
22 chiropractic physicians by Medicaid beneficiaries, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (b) Rules adopted under this section shall:

25 (1) Allow a Medicaid recipient to receive diagnosis and
26 treatment from a chiropractic physician without a referral from a primary
27 care physician;

28 (2) Direct the Division of Medical Services of the Department of
29 Human Services to develop a process for reporting diagnosis, treatment, costs
30 of services, and cost-savings benefits under this section; ~~and~~

31 (3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis
32 or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same
33 reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the
34 chiropractic physician by a primary care physician; and

1 (4) Limit access to a chiropractic physician to thirty (30)
2 visits per year unless a Medicaid recipient has received prior authorization
3 based on medical necessity for additional visits to a chiropractic physician.
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