

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

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1736

By: Representative Dotson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO
A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS
DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN
WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE
PHYSICIAN.

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:

20-77-131. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.

(a) On or before January 1, 2016, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to allow a Medicaid recipient direct access to a chiropractic physician.

(b) Rules adopted under this section shall:

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

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

(3) Specify that a chiropractic physician who provides diagnosis or treatment, or both, under this section shall receive the same



reimbursement as if the Medicaid recipient had been referred to the chiropractic physician by a primary care physician.