

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1926

By: Representative Hammer
By: Senator Rapert

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE
FOR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT
RATE FOR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 63, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-63-116. Certified nurse practitioner reimbursement.

(a) A certified nurse practitioner shall be paid or reimbursed by a health benefit plan to the same extent as a physician for performing a healthcare service.

(b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program and all health benefit plans issued and renewed in this state shall reimburse a certified nurse practitioner at one hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement rate for all out-of-pocket costs, including without limitation laboratory tests, X rays, and any test ordered and performed.

(c)(1) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means an individual, blanket, or group plan, policy, or contract for healthcare services issued or delivered by a healthcare insurer in this state.

(2) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" includes:

(A) Indemnity and managed care plans; and



(B) Governmental plans as defined in 29 U.S.C. § 1002(32),
as it existed on January 1, 2015.

/s/Hammer