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A Bill

SENATE BILL 135

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE OVERALL EFFICIENCY AND DELIVERY OF
HEALTHCARE SERVICES OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM;
TO AMEND THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROMOTE OVERALL EFFICIENCY AND
DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES OF THE
ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-107, concerning the program for indigent medical care and the rules and regulations of the program, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(g)(1) The department is prohibited from employing a reimbursement model for providers, whether referred to as "episodes of care" or any other description that:

(A) Limits reimbursements to a predetermined aggregate amount based solely upon the diagnosis of the beneficiary determining the aggregate;

(B) Pays a claim on any basis other than a predetermined unit rate of reimbursement for medically necessary care that is actually rendered to a beneficiary and properly documented; or

(C) Affects a recovery or recoupment by any means other than that which is permitted in this section.



(2) The department shall not recover any portion of the reimbursement provided for service rendered in the indigent medical care program without a particularized finding that is subject to an administrative appeal, with respect to each claim submitted that:

(A) The services were provided by a provider who is not eligible to participate in the indigent medical care program;

(B) The services were not actually rendered in the manner stated in the claim;

(C) The service delivery was not documented as required by the department;

(D) The services are subject to recoupment under § 20-77-1707, with respect to services requiring prior authorization; or

(E) The services are subject to recoupment for lack of medical necessity as set forth in § 20-77-1708.

(3) The department shall submit, apply for, and seek approval for appropriate state plan amendments or federal waivers, or both, to implement this subsection.

(h) The department shall not implement a healthcare payment reform or healthcare payment initiative until the department determines that a pilot program has successfully tested the hypothesis and outcomes of the proposed healthcare payment reform or health care payment initiative.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2406(d), concerning standards of health coverage through the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace offered to individuals enrolled in the Health Care Independence Program, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Health insurance carriers offering healthcare coverage for program-eligible individuals shall participate in ~~the Health Care Payment Improvement Initiative including~~ applicable healthcare reforms or healthcare initiatives

~~(1) Assignment of primary care clinician;~~

~~(2) Support for patient-centered medical home; and~~

~~(3) Access of clinical performance data for providers.~~