

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

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HOUSE BILL 1182

By: Representatives Sullivan, *Baltz*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO ALLOW AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO BE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO ALLOW AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO BE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

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:

20-77-132. Primary care provider for the Arkansas Medicaid Program – Advanced practice registered nurse.

(a)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall recognize an advanced practice registered nurse who is qualified under the rules adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing as a primary care provider for all purposes authorized for a primary care physician and a primary care case manager.

(2) Purposes under subdivision (a)(1) of this section include without limitation:

(A) Being recognized as the initial healthcare provider in the federal Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative payment model;

(B) Initially diagnosing;

(C) Being included as the team leader of family practice professionals and the patient-centered medical home;



- (D) Maintaining the medical records of a patient;
- (E) Ordering laboratory tests and records management as needed for patient care;
- (F) Providing preventive and periodic examinations within primary care;
- (G) Referring a patient to a physician, a specialist, or a hospital when necessary; and
- (H) Treating a patient to the extent of the scope and licensure of an advanced practice registered nurse.

(b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse an advanced practice registered nurse:

(1) Not less than the current reimbursement rate for services performed within the scope and licensure of the advanced practice registered nurse;

(2) One hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement rate for all out-of-pocket costs such as laboratory tests, x-rays, and additional tests ordered and performed; and

(3)(A) For services and costs performed within the scope and licensure of the advanced practice registered nurse.

(B) The scope and licensure of the advanced practice registered nurse shall be conclusively interpreted by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(c) A healthcare insurance policy in which the premiums are paid directly or indirectly by the Arkansas Medicaid Program also shall recognize and reimburse an advanced practice registered nurse under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) This section does not increase the scope or licensure of an advanced practice registered nurse.

/s/Sullivan