

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1183

By: Representative Dotson

By: Senator Caldwell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide consistency and efficiency of chiropractic coverage in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-132. Direct access to chiropractic physicians.

(a) On or before January 1, 2018, 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.

/s/Dotson