

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1264

By: Representative Pilkington

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE ARKANSAS  
*MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY*  
A WALK-IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN THE  
PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER  
ASSIGNED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY A WALK-  
IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN  
THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE  
PROVIDER ASSIGNED.

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. Walk-in clinic and emergent care clinic – Medicaid reimbursement.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergent care clinic" means a walk-in clinic focused on the delivery of ambulatory care in a facility outside of traditional emergency care; and

(2) "Walk-in clinic" means a medical clinic that accepts patients on a walk-in basis and without an appointment.

(b) When a Medicaid beneficiary who does not have an assigned primary care provider utilizes or attempts to utilize a walk-in clinic or emergent



care clinic, the walk-in clinic or emergency care clinic shall not decline to treat the patient due to his or her lack of a primary care provider.

(c) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for up to four (4) healthcare visits per year at a walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic when the Medicaid beneficiary does not have a primary care provider assigned if the walk-in clinic or emergent care clinic is associated with a hospital.

*/s/Pilkington*