

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

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1465

By: Representative Miller

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO STOP ENROLLMENT IN THE MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO FILE ALL NECESSARY STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS OR WAIVERS TO STOP ENROLLMENT; TO CREATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2017; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Medicaid Expansion Enrollment Freeze Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Stop enrollment in the Medicaid Expansion Program – Require submittal of state plan amendments or waivers.

(a) On and after July 1, 2017, the Department of Human Services shall not approve new enrollment for individuals eligible for Medicaid under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, as existing on January 1, 2017.

(b) The department may renew enrollment for individuals currently enrolled in Medicaid under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, if such individuals meet and have



continuously met all eligibility requirements and the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for the enrollees does not drop below the percentages established by section 1905(y) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396d, as existing on January 1, 2017.

(c) The department shall amend the Medicaid State Plan and file any and all necessary waivers with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement this act.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that new enrollment in the Medicaid Expansion Program should be stopped as soon as reasonably possible; that the Medicaid Expansion Program has grown to an unsustainable level and stopping enrollment is necessary to ensure the solvency of the program going forward; and that this act is immediately necessary to assist the Department of Human Services to efficiently conduct its duties under this act. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.