

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 641

By: Senator Rapert

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER TO REIMBURSE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL DEVICES THAT THE FEDERAL MEDICARE PROGRAM HAS DETERMINED ARE NO LONGER EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL IN NATURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER TO REIMBURSE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL DEVICES THAT THE FEDERAL MEDICARE PROGRAM HAS DETERMINED ARE NO LONGER EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL IN NATURE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-79-161. Coverage of experimental or investigational services – Approval required if acceptable to Medicare.

If the federal Medicare program covers a medical service, product, or device for certain medical purposes, conditions, diseases, or treatments, then a healthcare insurer or health benefit plan shall not deny coverage or payment for the medical service, product, or device for any of the same medical purposes, conditions, diseases, or treatments on the basis that the medical service, product, or device is experimental or investigational in nature.



/s/Rapert