

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 639

By: Senator B. Davis
By: Representative Love

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO COVER PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES REGARDLESS OF CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO COVER PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES REGARDLESS OF CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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:

20-77-135. Coverage of physical therapy services.

(a) The purpose of this section is to provide greater access to physical therapy services for Medicaid beneficiaries by reimbursing physical therapy services at commercially reasonable rates, regardless of the treatment setting or whether the services are billed directly by the physical therapist or incident to the services of a physician.

(b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules and reimbursement policies to require the Arkansas Medicaid Program to reimburse for services of physical therapists licensed in this state, regardless of the treatment setting where the physical therapy services are provided or whether the physical therapy services are billed directly by the physical therapist or incident to services of a physician if the physical therapy services are ordered or referred by a physician licensed



in this state.