

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1862

By: Representative L. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT REQUIRING *CERTAIN REFERRALS* FROM A
PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER IN ORDER FOR A BENEFICIARY IN
THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECEIVE MENTAL
HEALTH COUNSELING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

*TO PROHIBIT REQUIRING CERTAIN REFERRALS
FROM A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER IN ORDER FOR
A BENEFICIARY IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
PROGRAM TO RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELING.*

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:

20-77-142. Prohibition on referrals for mental health counseling.

The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall not require a beneficiary to first obtain a referral from a primary care provider before receiving mental health counseling for the first ten (10) visits for mental health counseling.

/s/L. Johnson

