

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 507

By: Senator T. Garner

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; TO CLARIFY THE TREATMENT OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; AND TO CLARIFY THE TREATMENT OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-9-517 is amended to read as follows:
11-9-517. Medical services and supplies – Rules.

(a) The Workers' Compensation Commission is authorized to establish rules, including schedules of maximum allowable fees for specified medical services rendered with respect to compensable injuries, for the purpose of controlling the cost of medical and hospital services and supplies provided pursuant to §§ 11-9-508 – 11-9-516.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 11-9-513, durable medical equipment and medical supplies, including home durable medical equipment and infusion and oxygen services other than implantables, shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the billed charges or one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable Medicare allowable amount when the durable medical equipment and medical supplies are not included in the carrier's negotiated fee schedule.

