

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 521

By: Senators B. Davis, T. Garner
By: Representatives Pilkington, McCollum

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM COVER A CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DIABETES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MANDATE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM COVER A CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DIABETES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-7-141. Continuous glucose monitor – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "continuous glucose monitor" means an instrument or device, including repair and replacement parts, that:

(1) Is designed and offered for the purpose of aiding an individual with diabetes;

(2) Measures glucose levels at set intervals by means of a small electrode placed under the skin and held in place by an adhesive; and

(3) Is generally not useful to an individual who has not been diagnosed with diabetes.

(b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage for a continuous glucose monitor for the treatment of an individual if the individual has:

(1) Either:



(A) A presence of type 1 diabetes or any other type of diabetes with:

(i) The use of insulin more than two (2) times daily; or

(ii) Evidence of Level 2 or Level 3 hypoglycemia; or

(B) Diagnosis of glycogen storage disease type 1a; and

(2) Regular follow-up with a healthcare provider at a minimum every six (6) months to assess for ongoing benefit.

SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall promulgate rules necessary to implement Section 1 of this act.

(b)(1) When adopting the initial rules to implement Section 1 of this act, the final rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(A) On or before January 1, 2022; or

(B) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2022, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(2) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall file the proposed rule with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2022, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval before January 1, 2022.

/s/B. Davis