

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 112

By: Senator J. Boyd
By: Representatives Pilkington, Gramlich

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE IDENTIFIED AS A TREATING PROVIDER FOR INSURANCE BILLING AND CLAIMS AND TO BILL AND RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PROVIDED HEALTHCARE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE IDENTIFIED AS A TREATING PROVIDER FOR INSURANCE BILLING AND CLAIMS AND TO BILL AND RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PROVIDED HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-105-101, concerning definitions regarding licensure and regulation of physician assistants, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(4) "Health benefit plan" means a plan, policy, contract, certificate, agreement, or other evidence of coverage for healthcare services offered or issued by a healthcare insurer in this state; and

(5)(A) "Healthcare insurer" means an entity that is subject to state insurance regulation and provides health insurance in this state.

(B) "Healthcare insurer" includes:

(i) An insurance company;

(ii) A hospital and medical service corporation;



(iii) A health maintenance organization;
(iv) A risk-based provider organization; and
(v) Any sponsor of a nonfederal self-funded
governmental plan.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 105, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-105-125. Insurer billing and payment.

(a) If authorized by the supervising physician, a physician assistant shall be:

(1) Identified as the treating provider in billing and claims processes when the physician assistant delivered the medical services to the patient; and

(2) Allowed to file claims as the billing provider for medical services delivered by the physician assistant to a patient that:

(A) Is a Medicaid beneficiary; or

(B) Has a health benefit plan provided by a healthcare insurer.

(b) Under this section, a health benefit plan provided by a healthcare insurer or the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall not require the physical presence of the supervising physician as provided in § 17-105-101(3).

/s/J. Boyd