

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1840

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By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT TO ENSURE THAT SEDATION DENTISTRY IS COVERED BY RISK-BASED PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT TO ENSURE THAT SEDATION DENTISTRY IS COVERED BY RISK-BASED PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2703(6), concerning the definition of "direct service provider" within the Medicaid Provider-Led Organized Care Act, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Direct service provider" means an organization or individual that delivers healthcare services, including sedation dentistry, to enrollable Medicaid beneficiary populations;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2703, concerning definitions within the Medicaid Provider-Led Organized Care Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(15) "Sedation dentistry" means the administration of sedative medications during dental procedures to address routine and complex dental care needs, including minimal sedation, moderate sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia.



SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2705(b), concerning the excluded services under the Medicaid Provider-Led Organized Care Act, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Medicaid provider-led organized care system shall be implemented to the extent possible, but shall not include the following services when provided to enrollable Medicaid beneficiary populations:

- (1) Nonemergency medical transportation in a capitated program;
- (2) Dental benefits in a capitated program, not including sedation dentistry;
- (3) School-based services provided by school employees;
- (4) Skilled nursing facility services;
- (5) Assisted living facility services;
- (6) Human development center services; or
- (7) Waiver services provided to adults with physical disabilities through the ARChoices in Homecare program or the Arkansas IndependentChoices program.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2706(f)(3), concerning the characteristics and duties of a risk-based provider organization under the Medicaid Provider-Led Organized Care Act, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) Process claims, including medical claims and dental claims for sedation dentistry, or otherwise ensure payment to direct service providers within time frames established under federal regulations for goods and services delivered to the enrollable Medicaid beneficiary populations.

(B) Services provided by a risk-based provider organization shall include medical and dental coverage for sedation dentistry services;

/s/L. Johnson