

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S3/26/15 S3/27/15

2 90th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2015

SENATE BILL 943

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5 By: Senator Elliott

6 By: Representative D. Ferguson

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF INSURANCE FOR HEALTH
10 CARE IN ARKANSAS; TO REQUIRE THAT CONTINUING HEALTH
11 INSURANCE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEALTH CARE
12 INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE
13 HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

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23-79-160. Health insurance information regarding Health Care

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Independence Program.

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Upon notification to enrollees in the Health Care Independence Program

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established by the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, § 20-77-2401 et

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seq., that the Health Care Independence Program ends on December 31, 2016,

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the Department of Human Services shall simultaneously provide to enrollees in the Health Care Independence Program the following information in accordance



1 with the Arkansas Health Reform Act of 2015, Acts 2015, No. 46:

2 (1) Upon program termination, recommend an alternative
3 healthcare coverage model and legislative framework to ensure the continued
4 availability of healthcare services for vulnerable populations covered by the
5 Health Care Independence Program;

6 (2) Explore and recommend options to modernize Medicaid programs
7 servicing the indigent, aged, and disabled; and

8 (3) Identify the populations eligible for and participating in
9 the Health Care Independence Program, including:

10 (A) Individuals newly eligible for health coverage under
11 the Health Care Independence Program; and

12 (B) Individuals previously eligible for Medicaid before the
13 effective date of the Health Care Independence Program, whether under a
14 Medicaid waiver or some other eligibility criteria.

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16 /s/Elliott

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19 **APPROVED: 04/08/2015**