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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1459

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE  
10 REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BY THE  
11 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS  
16 ARE REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
17 SERVICES BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
18 PROGRAM.

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is  
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 20-77-140. Reimbursement for behavioral health services.

26 (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for behavioral  
27 health services that are provided in a federally qualified health center by  
28 at a minimum:

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(1) A clinical psychologist;

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(2) A licensed certified social worker;

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(3) A licensed professional counselor;

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(4) A licensed mental health counselor; or

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(5) A licensed marriage and family therapist.

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(b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal  
35 waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to  
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