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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2892
"AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE MEDICAID CO PAYS TO INCREASE PRESCRIPTION
COVERAGE FOR SENIORS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2892.

Amend House Bill No. 2892 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line delete "J. Johnson" and substitute "Elliott, J. Johnson"

AND

Delete everything after the Enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 4 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-406. Senior citizen prescription medicine cost relief.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall:

(1) Require all pharmacies licensed in this state to increase by fifty percent (50%) the copayments for each prescription presented by a senior citizen enrolled in the state Medicaid program;

(2) Require all pharmacies licensed in this state to remit to the Department of Human Services all moneys received as copayments for each prescription presented by a senior citizen enrolled in the state Medicaid program;

(3) Remit to each pharmacy the cost of the prescription medicine provided to each senior citizen under § 20-77-403 and the copayment collected by the state; and

(4) Use funds raised under this section to expand to the fullest extent possible the eligibility of senior citizens for prescription medicine coverage under the state Medicaid program through utilization of federal Medicaid matching funds.

(b)(1) The moneys raised under this section shall be used to increase the eligibility of senior citizens for Medicaid assistance with the purchase of prescription medicines and for no other purpose.

(2) The moneys shall be used to supplement and not supplant currently existing senior Medicaid prescription drug programs in place on the effective date of this section.

(c) The Department of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the provision of this section.



(d) The Department of Human Services shall promulgate any necessary rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

(e) If the Medicaid waiver under subdivision (a)(4) of this section is not approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the other subdivisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not be applicable and this section shall be void."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Elliott

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