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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1604

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR SICKLE-CELL ANEMIA IN
ARKANSAS.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1604

Amend House Bill No. 1604 as originally introduced:

Delete lines 8 and 9 and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA IN ARKANSAS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT
FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA IN ARKANSAS."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 4 is amended
to add an additional section read as follows:

6-64-419. Adult Sickle Cell Clinic of the University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences.

(a)(1) The Adult Sickle Cell Clinic of the University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences is created.

(2) The clinic shall be a comprehensive clinic at which adults
in Arkansas with sickle cell anemia may receive specialty care, including
without limitation:

(A) Advanced, specialized health care;

(B) Preventive health care; and

(C) Reduced overall health care costs.

(b) The clinic shall provide services, including without limitation:

(1)(A) An annual visit for comprehensive diagnosis and treatment
for adult patients with sickle cell anemia from all over the state.

(B) A patient with more severe complications from sickle
cell anemia may receive more frequent diagnosis and treatment as needed;



(2)(A) On the basis of each comprehensive visit under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, a care plan for that patient to serve as a blueprint for the patient's medical care throughout the year.

(B) For acute medical events, the clinic shall provide:

(i) Treatment by a local provider, an Area Health Education Center in coordination with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; or

(ii) If necessary, treatment at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

(C) Treatment under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section shall be based on the care plan created under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section as the guide for management of sickle cell anemia and complications of sickle cell anemia; and

(3) Designing a training program regarding sickle cell anemia and complications of sickle cell anemia for:

(A) Physicians, nurses, and social workers throughout the state; and

(B) Medical students and residents.

(4) Through the Center for Distance Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Science, training and case consultation with health care providers across the state; and

(5) A program to:

(A) Track adult patients with sickle cell anemia; and

(B) Measure the effectiveness of the clinic.

(c)(1) The clinic shall make staff personnel available to primary care physicians and medical staff of area health education centers for consultation regarding sickle cell anemia and complications of sickle cell anemia as needed.

(2) A nurse practitioner employed in this clinic shall be available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week to receive and respond to telephone calls from physicians or patients regarding sickle cell anemia and complications of sickle cell anemia.

(3) A social worker shall assist patients with sickle cell anemia and their families in finding ways to meet the needs of the patient and his or her family, including without limitation:

(A) Health-related expenses not covered by insurance plans;

(B) Transportation costs;

(C) Employment options; and

(D) Social and emotional support.

(4) A community coordinator shall connect the clinic to other health care providers around the state and help connect patients with the clinic."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Murdock

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Chief Clerk