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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1153**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. 3 to House Bill No. 1153**

Amend House Bill No. 1153 as engrossed, H4/1/13 (version: 04/01/2013 4:09:22 PM)

Page 20, Delete SECTION 28 of the bill and insert the following:

" SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PATIENT CARE PROVIDERS – COMPENSATION, REQUIRED WITHHOLDING, FRINGE BENEFITS AND REPORTING.

(a) The Arkansas Department of Health, at its discretion, is authorized to contract with intermittent Patient Care Providers in order to provide services in the home. The Department is authorized to pay compensation which may include state withholding, federal withholding, required matching, and other fringe benefits to contract Patient Care Providers. However, compensation shall not include state retirement or health benefits.

(b) The Department of Health shall provide the following mileage reimbursement rates to intermittent and/or Patient Care Providers:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2013, the Department of Health shall provide mileage reimbursement to all intermittent and/or contract Patient Care Providers at a rate of at least thirty-six (36) cents per mile or more as funding allows.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2014, the Department of Health shall provide mileage reimbursement to all intermittent and/or contract Patient Care Providers at a rate of at least thirty-nine (39) cents per mile or more as funding allows.

(3) Beginning July 1, 2015, the Department of Health shall provide mileage reimbursement to all intermittent and/or contract Patient Care Providers at the same rate as provided to all Department of Health employees.

(c) Prior to January 15, 2014 the Department of Health shall provide to the Joint Budget Committee or the Arkansas Legislative Council a report of the following information for the 2013 Fiscal Year and 2014 Fiscal Year to date:

(1) Revenues, expenditures, and year end fund balances of the Home Health Program, as related to the Department of Health's ability to fund an increased mileage reimbursement rate for the 2015 Fiscal Year.

(2) A report of all third party reimbursements received for the Home Health Program listed by program type including Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance, and Affordable Care Act - Insurance Exchange participants.



(3) The potential impact of changes in the Arkansas Medicaid Program, Medicare or Affordable Care Act reimbursement rates and the effect those program changes may have on a potential mileage reimbursement increase for the 2015 Fiscal Year.

(4) A report of the amounts billed versus the total reimbursements for services rendered.

(5) Total miles claimed by Patient Care Providers and the total amounts reimbursed for mileage.

(d) All compensation to intermittent Patient Care Providers shall be made from the appropriation for Professional Fees and Services.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Joint Budget Committee  
By: Representative Miller  
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Chief Clerk