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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 641

TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER TO REIMBURSE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL DEVICES THAT THE FEDERAL MEDICARE PROGRAM HAS DETERMINED ARE NO LONGER EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL IN NATURE.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 641

Amend Senate Bill No. 641 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

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

23-79-161. Coverage of experimental or investigational services – Approval required if acceptable to Medicare.

If the federal Medicare program covers a medical service, product, or device for certain medical purposes, conditions, diseases, or treatments, then a healthcare insurer or health benefit plan shall not deny coverage or payment for the medical service, product, or device for any of the same medical purposes, conditions, diseases, or treatments on the basis that the medical service, product, or device is experimental or investigational in nature."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Rapert

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