

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2892

5 By: Representatives *Elliott, J. Johnson*
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE MEDICAID CO PAYMENTS TO
10 INCREASE PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR SENIORS IN
11 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE MEDICAID CO PAYS TO
15 INCREASE PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR
16 SENIORS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 4 is amended*
22 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *20-77-406. Senior citizen prescription medicine cost relief.*

24 *(a) The Department of Human Services shall:*

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

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

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

35 *(4) Use funds raised under this section to expand to the fullest*
36 *extent possible the eligibility of senior citizens for prescription medicine*



1 coverage under the state Medicaid program through utilization of federal
2 Medicaid matching funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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19 /s/ Elliott, et al
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