

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1604

5 By: Representative Murdock
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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13 *AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR*
14 *SICKLE CELL ANEMIA IN ARKANSAS.*

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 4 is amended*
20 *to add an additional section read as follows:*

21 *6-64-419. Adult Sickle Cell Clinic of the University of Arkansas for*
22 *Medical Sciences.*

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

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

28 *(A) Advanced, specialized health care;*

29 *(B) Preventive health care; and*

30 *(C) Reduced overall health care costs.*

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

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

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

36 *(2)(A) On the basis of each comprehensive visit under*



1 subdivision (b)(1) of this section, a care plan for that patient to serve as
2 a blueprint for the patient's medical care throughout the year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (B) Medical students and residents.

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

21 (5) A program to:

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

23 (B) Measure the effectiveness of the clinic.

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

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

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

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

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- (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.

/s/Murdock