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SENATE BILL 455

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5 By: Senator Maloch

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT

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PROCESS FOR ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES;

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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 § 23-99-417(a)(1), concerning insurance*
22 *coverage required for orthotic devices and prosthetic services, is amended to*
23 *read as follows:*

24 *(a)(1) Subject to subdivision (a)(2) of this section and subsections*
25 *(b) and (c) of this section, a health benefit plan that is issued for*
26 *delivery, delivered, renewed, or otherwise contracted for in this state shall*
27 *provide coverage for eligible charges within limits of coverage that are no*
28 *less than eighty percent (80%) of Medicare allowable as defined by the*
29 *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding*
30 *System as of January 1, 2009, or as of a later date if adopted by rule of the*
31 *Insurance Commissioner for:*

32 *(A) An orthotic device;*

33 *(B) An orthotic service;*

34 *(C) A prosthetic device; and*

35 *(D) A prosthetic service.*

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-417, concerning insurance coverage required for orthotic devices and prosthetic services, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) The commissioner may:

(1) Issue a rule governing payment standards for health benefit plans under subdivision (a)(1) of this section; and

(2) Adopt necessary rules to enforce this section.

/s/Maloch

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