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A Bill

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5 By: Representatives Sullivan, *Baltz*
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO
9 ALLOW AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO BE A
10 PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
15 PROGRAM TO ALLOW AN ADVANCED PRACTICE
16 REGISTERED NURSE TO BE A PRIMARY CARE
17 PROVIDER.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-77-132. Primary care provider for the Arkansas Medicaid Program –
25 Advanced practice registered nurse.

26 (a)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall recognize an advanced
27 practice registered nurse who is qualified under the rules adopted by the
28 Arkansas State Board of Nursing as a primary care provider for all purposes
29 authorized for a primary care physician and a primary care case manager.

30 (2) Purposes under subdivision (a)(1) of this section include
31 without limitation:

32 (A) Being recognized as the initial healthcare provider in
33 the federal Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative payment model;

34 (B) Initially diagnosing;

35 (C) Being included as the team leader of family practice
36 professionals and the patient-centered medical home;



1 (D) Maintaining the medical records of a patient;

2 (E) Ordering laboratory tests and records management as
3 needed for patient care;

4 (F) Providing preventive and periodic examinations within
5 primary care;

6 (G) Referring a patient to a physician, a specialist, or a
7 hospital when necessary; and

8 (H) Treating a patient to the extent of the scope and
9 licensure of an advanced practice registered nurse.

10 (b) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse an advanced practice
11 registered nurse:

12 (1) Not less than the current reimbursement rate for services
13 performed within the scope and licensure of the advanced practice registered
14 nurse;

15 (2) One hundred percent (100%) of the physician reimbursement
16 rate for all out-of-pocket costs such as laboratory tests, x-rays, and
17 additional tests ordered and performed; and

18 (3)(A) For services and costs performed within the scope and
19 licensure of the advanced practice registered nurse.

20 (B) The scope and licensure of the advanced practice
21 registered nurse shall be conclusively interpreted by the Arkansas State
22 Board of Nursing.

23 (c) A healthcare insurance policy in which the premiums are paid
24 directly or indirectly by the Arkansas Medicaid Program also shall recognize
25 and reimburse an advanced practice registered nurse under subsections (a) and
26 (b) of this section.

27 (d) This section does not increase the scope or licensure of an
28 advanced practice registered nurse.

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30 */s/Sullivan*