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As Engrossed: S3/14/17

A Bill

SENATE BILL 641

5 By: Senator Rapert
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER TO REIMBURSE FOR
9 MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL DEVICES THAT THE FEDERAL
10 MEDICARE PROGRAM HAS DETERMINED ARE NO LONGER
11 EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL IN NATURE; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 INVESTIGATIONAL IN NATURE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is*
26 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

27 *23-79-161. Coverage of experimental or investigational services –*
28 *Approval required if acceptable to Medicare.*

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