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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 639

5 By: Senator B. Davis  
6 By: Representative Love  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO  
10 COVER PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES REGARDLESS OF CERTAIN  
11 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM  
16 TO COVER PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES  
17 REGARDLESS OF CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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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 20-77-135. Coverage of physical therapy services.

25 (a) The purpose of this section is to provide greater access to  
26 physical therapy services for Medicaid beneficiaries by reimbursing physical  
27 therapy services at commercially reasonable rates, regardless of the  
28 treatment setting or whether the services are billed directly by the physical  
29 therapist or incident to the services of a physician.

30 (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Department of Human Services  
31 shall adopt rules and reimbursement policies to require the Arkansas Medicaid  
32 Program to reimburse for services of physical therapists licensed in this  
33 state, regardless of the treatment setting where the physical therapy  
34 services are provided or whether the physical therapy services are billed  
35 directly by the physical therapist or incident to services of a physician if  
36 the physical therapy services are ordered or referred by a physician licensed



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