

# EXHIBIT F-1

## INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-202

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4 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND  
5 LABOR TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR A  
6 SCOPE OF PRACTICE CHANGE IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT TO  
7 ESTABLISH THE NEW LICENSURE OF COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC.  
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9 WHEREAS, community paramedicine increases patient access to primary and  
10 preventative care, provides wellness interventions within the medical home  
11 model, decreases emergency department utilization, saves healthcare dollars,  
12 and improves patient outcomes; and  
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14 WHEREAS, community paramedics serve an expanded role to include the  
15 post-hospital environment as well as the pre-hospital environment; and  
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17 WHEREAS, some residents in rural Arkansas often must travel great  
18 distances, at great expense, to receive even the most basic care, and a  
19 community paramedic can provide outreach to patients who are at-risk for  
20 using the emergency medical system for primary care services, to help them  
21 find more appropriate resources for their medical needs; and  
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23 WHEREAS, hospitals are financially penalized for high readmission  
24 rates, and a community paramedic who can check on a patient immediately after  
25 discharge, provide in-home patient education, coordinate with the patient's  
26 physician, and/or help transition the patient to an established home health  
27 agency is an effective resource for reducing unnecessary readmissions; and  
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29 WHEREAS, successful community paramedic programs augment the healthcare  
30 services available locally by collaborating with other healthcare providers  
31 to fill gaps in community healthcare resources,  
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33 NOW, THEREFORE,

34 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF  
35 THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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1            THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committee  
2        conduct an interim study to determine the need for a scope of practice change  
3        in the Emergency Medical Services Act to establish the new licensure of  
4        Community Paramedic.

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6        Respectfully submitted,

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