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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1868

By: Representative Hammer

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A CONTRACEPTION INCENTIVE FOR
MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE A CONTRACEPTION INCENTIVE FOR
MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-131. Contraception incentive for Medicaid beneficiary.

(a) An unmarried individual who has one child and who is receiving Medicaid benefits shall be eligible to receive a one-time contraception incentive from the Department of Human Services if the individual:

(1) Consents to have a surgically implanted contraception device or other similar reversible birth control device with a five (5) year or longer period of effectiveness;

(2) Receives a surgically implanted contraception device or other similar reversible birth control device with a five (5) year or longer period of effectiveness; and

(3) Provides documentation to the department that the individual has fulfilled subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

(b) An individual who meets the requirements of subsection (a) shall be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for the procedure.

1 (c) The department shall:

2 (1) Pursue and implement the provisions of this section within
3 the Arkansas Medicaid Program; and

4 (2) Submit and seek approval of a state plan amendment or
5 waiver, or both, as necessary to implement this section.

6 (d)(1) Implementation of contraception incentives under this section
7 is conditioned upon the receipt of necessary federal approvals.

8 (2) If the department does not receive the necessary federal
9 approvals, the contraception incentive shall not be implemented.

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12 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives
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