

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBLE PATIENTS; TO PERMIT FUND TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Arkansas Children's Hospital, as recognized by Arkansas Statutes, Section 7-501, is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Department of Human Services for the Department of Human Services to establish and maintain a medical services program for Medicaid-eligible patients of the Arkansas Children's Hospital and to transfer funds to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account pursuant to such an agreement.

(b) Such an agreement between the Arkansas Children's hospital and the Department of Human Services shall be in compliance with federal law and shall meet the qualifications necessary for federal funds to be paid for the care of eligible patients in the Children's Hospital.

(c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make rules and regulations for the transfer of state funds appropriated for the Arkansas Children's Hospital in order to reimburse the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account for expenditures made by the Department of Human Services in accordance with agreements made between the Arkansas Children's Hospital and the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that because of the case Ricarte v. State, CR 86-31, a question has arisen over the validity of Act 1107 of the Extended Session of 1976; that this Act is a reenactment of the former law; and that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary to clarify the state of the law on this issue. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: April 14, 1987

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