

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

A Bill

ACT 965 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1024

4 **By: Representatives Mahony and Northcutt**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 9-14-232 TO
9 CREATE AN ASSIGNMENT OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BENEFIT
10 RIGHTS TO A CUSTODIAL PARENT WHEN THE NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT
11 HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO CREATE AN ASSIGNMENT OF HEALTH CARE BENEFIT
16 RIGHTS TO A CUSTODIAL PARENT WHEN THE NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT
17 HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-14-232 is hereby amended to read
22 as follows:

23 "(a) In all cases where the support and care of any children are
24 involved, the court may order either parent to secure and maintain health care
25 coverage for the benefit of the children when health care coverage is
26 available or becomes available to the parent at a reasonable cost.

27 (b) When the non-custodial parent has secured such coverage, the
28 signature of the custodial parent, *indicated as such*, shall be a valid
29 authorization to the coverage provider or insurer for the purposes of
30 processing a payment to the children_s health services provider. An order for
31 health care coverage shall operate as an assignment of all benefit rights to
32 *require the insurer or coverage provider of the health care coverage to pay*
33 *benefits for services rendered to the children to the custodial parent or to*
34 *the children_s health services provider."*

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36 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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/s/J. Mahony, et al

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