

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
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# A Bill

**ACT 992 OF 1993**  
**HOUSE BILL 2010**

4 **By: Representatives McGee, J. Wilson, McCuiston, and McGinnis**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 249 OF 1991 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR  
9 MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES AND NORPLANT IN  
10 ACT 490 COUNTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

13 "TO FUND MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES AND  
14 NORPLANT IN ACT 490 COUNTIES."

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

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18 SECTION 1. Section 7(a) of Act 249 of 1991 is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 "(a) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for defraying the cost of  
21 hospitalization and medical services of indigent Arkansas patients in out-of-  
22 state hospitals; for nonemergency transportation for medical purposes,  
23 provided however, that such transportation shall not exceed a two hundred mile  
24 radius from the patient\_s point of origin; and provided further that on July 1  
25 of each year, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) shall be  
26 transferred to the Arkansas Department of Health to be used exclusively for  
27 limited laboratory, medical and out-patient hospital services in the counties  
28 of Crittenden, Cross, Craighead, Greene, Lee, Mississippi, Phillips, Poinsett  
29 and St. Francis."

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31 SECTION 2. (a) The sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in  
32 the indigent patient\_s fund account (SGI) is hereby transferred to the  
33 Arkansas Department of Health for use in the counties of Crittenden, Cross,  
34 Craighead, Greene, Lee, Mississippi, Phillips, Poinsett and St. Francis; two  
35 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be expended for Norplant and other  
36 family planning services provided in county health units for indigent patients

1 not eligible for Medicaid; and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be  
2 expended for community outreach services by community-based organizations to  
3 provide education and training to improve pregnancy outcome, improve parenting  
4 skills, prevent teen pregnancies, increase male responsibility and reduce  
5 infant mortality; and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for public  
6 health expenditures in Crittenden County only.

7 (b) Hereafter, when the indigent patient\_s fund account (SGI) balance  
8 exceeds the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) on June 30 of any  
9 year, such amount in excess of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) shall  
10 be transferred on July 1 of that year to the Arkansas Department of Health to  
11 be expended for the same purposes as set forth in (a) above.

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13 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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17 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
21 act are declared to be severable.

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23 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
24 hereby repealed.

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26 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
27 Assembly that this act will provide assistance to help alleviate the current  
28 medical crisis of the Arkansas citizens who live below the federal poverty  
29 level and yet do not qualify for medicaid assistance. Therefore, an emergency  
30 is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation  
31 of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from  
32 and after its passage and approval.

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APPROVED: 4/9/93

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