

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 922 of 1999
HOUSE BILL 1801

5 By: Representatives Horn, Agee, Ammons, Angel, Bookout, Dees, Ferrell, C. Johnson, Judy, Madison,
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS WITH
10 HOSPICE CARE COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE TERMINALLY ILL
14 PATIENTS WITH HOSPICE CARE COVERAGE."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. (a)(1) Every health insurance company, hospital service
21 corporation, health maintenance organization, or other health insurance
22 provider in the State of Arkansas shall offer, to each master group contract
23 holder, coverage for hospice facilities and hospice programs as defined under
24 Arkansas Code 20-7-117.

25 (2)(A) The offer of these benefits shall be subject to the right of the
26 policy or contract holder to reject the coverage.

27 (B) The rejection by the policy or contract holder shall be in
28 writing.

29 (b) The insurance coverage required in subsection (a) of this act shall
30 provide terminally ill patients with coverage for prognosis and treatment of
31 at least the rates of reimbursement as are provided for hospice care under
32 Medicare, the Health Insurance for the Aged Act, Title XVIII of the Social
33 Security Amendments of 1965, as in effect January 1, 1999.

34 (c) This section does not apply to contracts or policies providing
35 disability income insurance, specified disease insurance, hospital indemnity
36 insurance, long-term care insurance, short-term limited duration insurance,

1 accident only insurance, Medicare supplement insurance, or all other
2 supplemental insurance.

3 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
4 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
5 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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/s/ Horn, et a

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