

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 1654 of 2001  
SENATE BILL 900

5 By: Senator Brown  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-79-703 TO  
10 REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS OTHER THAN LIMITED  
11 BENEFIT PLANS TO COVER MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOODS;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 23-79-703(b), regarding health insurance  
24 coverage for medically necessary foods, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) Every health insurance policy, contract, certificate, or health  
26 care plan issued in this state by an insurance company, hospital medical  
27 service corporation, or health maintenance organization, other than coverage  
28 limited to expenses from accident only, specified disease, hospital indemnity,  
29 Medicare supplement, long-term care, disability income, or other limited  
30 benefit health insurance policies, whether an individual or group policy,  
31 contract, certificate, or health care plan, which covers the insured and  
32 members of the insured's family, shall provide coverage for amino acid  
33 modified preparations, low protein modified food products and any other  
34 special dietary products and formulas prescribed under the direction of a  
35 physician for the therapeutic treatment of phenylketonuria. This benefit may  
36 be subject to a deductible, copayments, coinsurance, or other patient cost-

1 sharing amounts required by the health plan.

2 /s/ Brown

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