

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.

Act 1483 of the Regular Session

As Engrossed: S3/19/09 S3/31/09 S4/2/09

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL 944

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5 By: Senator Elliott  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 *AN ACT TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA*  
10 *MEDICATION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN THE*  
11 *ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER*  
12 *PURPOSES.*

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14 **Subtitle**

15 *TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ASTHMA*  
16 *MEDICATION USE AND REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN*  
17 *THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.*

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 *SECTION 1. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this*  
23 *act, the Department of Human Services shall invite a representative of each*  
24 *of the following entities to meet to study the issues in Section 2 of this*  
25 *act:*

26 *(1) The Department of Human Services;*

27 *(2) Two (2) members of the Pharmaceutical Research*  
28 *Manufacturer's Association (PhRMA);*

29 *(3) The Arkansas Medical Society;*

30 *(4) The Arkansas Pharmacists Association;*

31 *(5) The Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical*  
32 *Association;*

33 *(6) The Arkansas Asthma Coalition;*

34 *(7) Arkansas Children's Hospital;*

35 *(8) The Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;*



1 (9) The Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians; and  
2 (10) The College of Pharmacy of the University of Arkansas for  
3 Medical Sciences.

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5 SECTION 2. The group created in Section 1 of this act shall study:

6 (1) The negative and positive effects of the clinical edit on  
7 asthma patients and their providers in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;

8 (2) Ways and means to increase Medicaid patient compliance with  
9 asthma medication usage in the Arkansas Medicaid Program;

10 (3) Effects of removing the restrictions on asthma medication in  
11 the Arkansas Medicaid Program; and

12 (4) Other issues related to asthma medication in the Arkansas  
13 Medicaid Program.

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15 SECTION 3. On or before May 1, 2010, the Department of Human Services  
16 shall report on behalf of the group created in Section 1 of this act the  
17 findings of the group to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and  
18 Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

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20 /s/ Elliott

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22 **APPROVED: 4/10/2009**